



Foothills Forum Rappahannock County Survey

Appendix E: RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

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B3: With which aspect of life in Rappahannock County are you MOST satisfied?

- Abundance of healthy farms/food
 - Dark skies
 - Zoning restrictions
 - Min. cell tower (not none - just some)
 - Community assistance
- Beautiful, spacious rural environment
 - Friendly, interesting people
 - Amazing opportunities for involvement in arts & culture.
- No congestion
 - Air quality
 - No traffic
- Not commercialized, people don't live on top of each other.
 - Roads (211) are well maintained & monitored
 - I feel safe!
- PROGRESSIVE AND OPEN - EASY TO BE A "COME HERE"; BEAUTY; SHARED PRIORITY OF AG AND TOURISM-BASED ECONOMY; ACCESS TO NATURAL AREAS; EMPHASIS ON SUPPORTING LOCAL ENTERPRISES. DID I MENTION BEAUTY?
- Rural lifestyle
 - No big stores/corporations
 - Friendliness of the citizens
 - Politicians engage with community
- "Open-ness" + "Beauty" of the county.
- "the rural life" - low development/ few people
- 0 development
 - 0 growth
 - 0 traffic signals
 - 0 town houses and apartments
- 1 need cell phone service
- 2 need cable TV service
- 1) Rural nature
- 2) Neighbor helping neighbor

- 1. I LIKE BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY AND HAVING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS; AND BEING ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.
- 2. I LOVE THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS US AND ENCOURAGES US TO SLOW DOWN AND APPRECIATE ITS WONDER.
- 1. The rural character and beauty of area
- 2. the diversity of it's inhabitants
- 1. The small government which mostly leaves me alone and doesn't interfere in my home & business life.
- 2. The solitude when I want it, & the community when I want it.
- 1. Trinity Episcopal church ; members; EFM class; open & inclusive atmosphere; 2. environmentally aware; 3. Closeness to nature; much natural beauty, esp. the nearness of the Shenandoah Nat'/Park; 4. Peace & quiet & space 5. Local food products 6. Rich in Art & crafts opportunities 5. Mostly good neighbors.
- 2. Environmentally aware 1. Trinity Episcopal church; members; EFM class, open and inclusive atmosphere. 3. Closeness to nature; much natural beauty, esp. the nearness of the Shenandoah Nat' Park. 4. Peace and quiet and space. 5. Local food products. 6. Art and Crafts opportunities. 5. Mostly good neighbors.
- 25 + acre to build
- 25 AC restrictions on building
- 25 acre zoning.
- A strong sense of community.
- ability to interact with varied groups
- Abundance of volunteer community support; pace of life as compared to NOVA (more relaxed; beautiful & pastoral landscapes; quality of the "arts" and availability
- Access to beautiful outdoors
- creative & engaged community
- Acreage.
- Affordability, people

African Americans have more of an opportunity to be a part of organizations and jobs in Rappahannock now than they did 35-40 years ago.

Agricultural landscape
minimum acreage requirements

All of it.

All of it.

All of it: Rural, Agricultural, Low Population Density, Proximity to Natural Areas

Ambiance

Artisan community

Away from the City.

Beautiful

beautiful country, rural atmosphere, peaceful, low traffic volume, friendly folks

Beautiful countryside

Beautiful countryside and rural area.

Beautiful countryside and unspoiled views
nice, friendly people
food/wine/art culture

Beautiful countryside.

Beautiful mountain view

beautiful mountains

Beautiful natural surroundings.

Beautiful open space, low traffic, low population density and friendly, close-knit community

Beautiful scenery and residents.

Beautiful scenery.

BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS, PEACEFULNESS, QUIET, RELAXED, BIG SKY, FRESH AIR, CHANGING SEASONS

BEAUTIFUL UNSPOILED CONTRYSIDE

beautiful views

Beautiful views

beautiful views and excellent schools

Beautiful views, quiet.

Beautiful vistas win very little commercial active. /? ? man in concentrated areas. We also appreciate the wide variety of arts venues available including theatre and recent Art Tour.

Beautiful, quiet, private, no traffic or congestion

beauty

Beauty

Beauty

Beauty -- nature, slow pace, good schools, lots of volunteer opportunities, educated and diverse residence of people; art, art, art; far enough away from city life/metro area, but close enough if you want to venture out.

Beauty and country lifestyle

Beauty and rural life.

Beauty and tranquility. Friendliness of people slow pace of everyday life.

Beauty of area, proximity to park, little development, great neighbors.

beauty of area.

Beauty of county

Beauty of county

Beauty of county. Oversight of zoning and development has been careful.

Beauty of environment and friendliness of people - farm produce.

Beauty of landscape

Beauty of our surroundings

Beauty of the area, quiet, private, peaceful. Supportive and concerned neighbors.

Beauty of the county

God's country

Beauty of the rural county.

Beauty peace community arts small population.

Beauty

environmental concerns
pace of life

Beauty

Lack of development

Beauty

No traffic lights
Small towns

beauty, large lots, no stop lights

Beauty, Family, Small Town, Home

Beauty, nature,
 homegrown food, local growers, CSA grass
 fed beef, etc. Fair trade products available
 Gluten Free Bakery & other conscious
 businesses
 beauty, neighborliness, relaxed pace, no traffic
 Beauty, no billboards, no traffic lights, no
 neon.
 beauty, peacefulness, + low crime
 beauty, quiet, privacy, slow pace, dark skies,
 history and tradition, good-?, hard-?, kind
 people, neighborliness; uncrowded.
 Beauty, schools, services of fire and rescue.
 Govt.
 Beauty, Serenity, and Community feel.
 Beauty, undeveloped land, small businesses,
 farm products (organic, local vegetables +
 meat) available.
 Beauty, zoning laws, farm to table.
 Beauty.
 Beauty/peace & quiet
 friends/social network
 arts community
 proximity to nature, the wild
 Being away from large chain stores,
 supermarket home stores and "Walmart"
 Supercenter
 Being away from suburban development but
 still feeling like part of a community.
 being born in Rappahannock
 Being in the country and having our own
 space.
 Being in the country.
 Being rural
 Being rural - No Fast Food - traffic lights and
 large subdivisions
 Boundary with Shenandoah National Park!
 Natural and scenic beauty.
 Bucolic landscapes.
 Business owners in our town have been the
 most welcoming to us over many years.
 Those outside our town are not as accepting
 of what we do, and this has been a constant
 over 18 years.
 Can't think of one at this time

Chances to help in areas where I can see a
 difference.
 Clean air. Clean water. Wonderful people.
 Dark skies. Outdoor life. Walking trails.
 Closeness to natural world, community, slower
 pace
 Closer to nature, natural beauty, privacy.
 COMMUNITY
 Community
 Community life.
 Community support.
 Community, nature, peace, natural produce
 from local farms, simple life, artists and
 many ways to learn.
 Community, opportunities for my child,
 peacefulness and natural beauty.
 Compared to the city or suburbs, all of it!
 Conservation consciousness.
 CONTACT WITH NATURE
 country
 country life
 Country life - No crowds or subdivisions
 open land and farms
 Country life is for me. I love the open & nature
 the way God meant for it to be
 Country life style
 Country life.
 Country living - Clean air
 Country living -- Knowing your neighbors
 No traffic lights - Small class sizes in schools;
 everyone knowing each other.
 Country living
 low taxes
 Country living, peaceful and quiet, low crime
 rate, the beauty
 country living, quiet
 country living, school system
 Country living.
 Country living.
 Country living. County is not over populated
 Country living/ Family has been in county cents
 1800's
 Country setting.
 Country setting.

Country Side
Rolling Hills/Mountains
Small population
Country
Mountain views
Overall closeness of the community.
Countryside living, privacy, not far from hospitals, stores just great location.
Countryside, landscapes.
Countryside.
County board. VDOT. No cell coverage. Little WIFI coverage.
County living.
County roads
County's people
CULTURAL OFFERINGS, FOOD, SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK
Culture of volunteering, are a small community where people truly care for each other, Also --25 acre minimum/no trailer parks, subdivisions,
Density
Rural
Underdeveloped
Dining, stores, businesses, & national parks.
Diverse and interesting community of people.
Ecology, natural beauty, farming.
Effort County organizations
Public + Private to be inclusive
Emergency Services
School System
Emergency Services
Sheriff's Office
environment
Environment. No traffic. Rural nature.
Diverse nature of population.
Equal opportunities.
Everything
Everything
Everything
Everything as a whole
Everything except telecom service
Cell phone access density -- DSL rates etc.
Everything.

Excellent rural living.
family and friends
Family farms
Natural beauty
Outdoor activities
Vineyards & other local businesses
Farm country setting.
Farm life.
Farming
Farming the land.
feeling safe in our community
FEW RESIDENTS AND SMALL TOWNS;
FRIENDLY PEOPLE; BEAUTIFUL PLACE WITH MANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
Freedom of speech.
Fresh air, great scenery, little traffic, no Walmarts, amazing community, recycling, bounty of art, great roads with no traffic lights, fresh local produce, ability to have solar power, peace + starry nights.
Friendliness of neighbors
quiet, peaceful atmosphere
Friendly people / Helpful neighbors / Beauty.
friendly people, clean air, natural beauty, proximity to DC-for culture a medical cure, very little pollution
FRIENDLY PEOPLE,
SMALLNESS OF COUNTY
LACK OF FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS
SENIOR CITIZEN HELP
friendly people/atmosphere
Friendly, bucolic nature--so Un--DC
Friendships and other social interactions.
Gods creation of mountains and clean water
Good country people
Good neighbors, small population, rural setting and natural beauty, slower pace of life, no traffic problems, good network of local residents to get what I need at reasonable cost.
Good place to live.
Good schools for my children and grand children.
Good people.

Good schools, close to family, safe place to raise children & grandchildren. Hunting is good. Great sheriff & police force.

Good water, clean air, quiet

Gorgeous County in which to live.

Great community spirit and cultural activities. Wonderful landscape. Zoning that forestalls over-development.

GREEN SPACE. CONSERVATION EASEMENT. THE PEOPLE

How quiet and safe it is.

How rural it is & how old some of the hollows feel-rural nature-access to Shen. Park & the improving cultural life

I am glad the County is still rural and most of my old friends still live here.

I am satisfied in general. But there are some changes that need to be made. Living in the Boston area, is like it is the forgotten part of the county.

I am satisfied with the school system, the government and the rural landscape.

I DO LOVE THAT THERE IS LITTLE LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. VERY HAPPY THERE ARE NO STRIP MALLS, HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OR FAST FOOD JOINTS

I enjoy all aspects of life in Rappahannock. It's a great place to live and raise a family.

I enjoy the quiet country living here. Too many tourists at times. The County is not properly equipped for the volume of visitors at times.

I have lived in this County all my life. I wouldn't know any better. Just have to take the good with the bad.

I like how quiet it is. I love the sunset and how clear the sky is at night.

I like that there are no subdivisions, no chain stores

I like the sense of an active and caring community.

I like the small community and that the school classrooms are small that way the kids get the one on one. I like that there aren't stores and buildings everywhere

I live in Culpepper County

I love Rappahannock County the way it is.

I love the countryside, the farms, and the wide open spaces in Rappahannock County. I love to visit the farms and see what they are growing and how they grow such farm produce as tomatoes, cabbage, snow peas, etc. The Virgin Tech's Extension Service does good job of this.

I love the fact that there is no commercial development. I love that we so not have overpopulation. I love the wide open spaces.

I LOVE THE IDEA OF OPEN SPACE PLUS NO MALLS, GROCERY STORES (BIG BOX, ETC.) IT IS WONDERFUL AT NIGHT TO SEE THE STARS. IT IS GREAT TO HAVE A SMALL TOWN WHERE PEOPLE KNOW ONE ANOTHER. I FEEL SAFE HERE.

I moved here 20 years ago because of the zoning that promised to keep Rappahannock rural. I'd very much like to see it STAY that way.

I was born here

I was born here and have a sense of place that has not been eroded by rapid change. People who move here are generally fully invested in the county.

Interaction with great people of all types; good causes get worked on here. Lots of Arts & entertainment.

Interesting neighbors with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Spectacular setting, breathing room, outdoor activities

Festivals such as Christmas in Little Washington, the Art T ? & the Film Festival & the Castleton Festival really make this a special pace.

Interesting people. Arts. Beauty.

It is beautiful - good for the soul

It is beautiful, Rural, Friendly, Helpful

It is beautiful, rural, friendly, helpful

it is country

It is not crowded, no stop lights, coming to Rappahannock is always more peaceful and beautiful

It is one of the counties with high preservation of land.

It is peaceful and serene. The people are friendly.

It is quiet and we can see mountains, beautiful scenery without going far.

It is quiet, I love the mountain view, and it is a good place to live/stay at, for the most part.

It is quiet, peaceful, nobody bothers you just the way I like it. None of the hassles and chaos like you get with those big over crowded counties.

It is quiet+ beautiful

IT SEEMS THAT THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE IS VERY EFFICIENT. THE BEAUTY IS GREAT!!!!

ITS "RURALNESS" AND LACK OF OVERT COMMERCIALISM

It's a small community.

It's a small county and it is quiet.

It's beautiful & quiet & filled w/good people

It's beautiful and has lots of activities

It's beautiful and peaceful

It's beautiful rural character, enhanced and protected by intelligent application of zoning laws.

Its beautiful small town life appeals to me.

Almost everyone is friendly. I appreciate the values of people who were born here. I'm grateful for their example.

its beauty

Its beauty.

Its beauty. Its access to cultural opportunities generally unavailable in rural communities.

My friends.

IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE CITY AND HAS THE NAT PARK IN ITS BACKYARD. PEACEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL!

It's country

It's country. It's rural. It's agrarian. I like living in the country.

It's home

Private

Beautiful

It's my home

Its natural beauty and lack of development.

Its natural beauty and tranquility.

It's people and rural character

it's quite here, where our home is located. I like living in a rural environment. I like the wild life. We love the mountains and foothills. It seems like most people in Rappahannock are helpful friendly people.

Its rural aspect, slow pace, beautiful vistas, etc. Its rural nature and open spaces and the sense of community that comes from its small population.

It's safe here. The safety of our son and future kids is number one to us! We love the school system as well.

It's small, and NO big grocery stores. Not a lot of traffic.

It's very peaceful and a good place to raise my kids.

Just the beauty of the county & also how nice everyone who works at the county have been

Keeping country, not a lot of stores and vendors.

keeping it rural

Keeping the "Rural" living aspect

Keeping the county rural and free of commercial development (i.e. Dollar Tree, Mc Donalds, etc.)

Keeping the natural beauty. No traffic. No housing developments.

Kind neighbors. Beautiful surroundings.

Lack of congestion, lack of subdivisions, peace and quiet.

Lack of development

lack of development, open spaces, low population

Lack of development, subdivisions, traffic
Beautiful country

Lack of developments. Love the rural aspect
lack of housing developments

Lack of large subdivisions

Lack of stoplights! "Community feeling" that exists here. Multiple volunteer opportunities with organizations that really matter. Open space and commitment to conservation.

Laid back, relaxing environment.

land zoning - we prize the openness - 25 acre zoning seems small!
 strong community of interesting people
 landscape, people, peacefulness, surprising lively arts community
 Large open land spaces, community that usually works together, small town spirit, lots of smart interesting people, \$ generated by this Inn/tourism, art scene, food scene, quiet, dark night skies, access to Nat'l park.
 Larger tracts of land for home sites. No sub-development.
 Less crime service county good schools.
 Less traffic.
 Like living in a rural setting/views.
 Little development
 Little or no racial tension
 LIVE IN COUNTRY AREA. THAT IS A GREAT WAY TO LIVE.
 Living at home and trying to take care of the home and property.
 Living in a beautiful, natural county
 Living in a small county where I know many residents.
 living in nature, no lights, no traffic, few people
 LIVING IN THE COUNTRY
 living near the mountains, peacefulness
 Living on the Hazel River, having wooded land.
 Enjoy family life--Raised 4 children here.
 LIVING OUT IN THE COUNTRY
 LOCATION TO PARKS AND TRAILS TO HIKE
 Location
 Ag Zoning
 Location.
 Location; proximity to Warrenton Hospital, Restaurants, Grocery Store; Arts, Restaurants & Wineries. County is not allowing housing developments or big box stores.
 Lots of rural land.
 Love having Little Washington and the Inn
 Love Rappahannock O:K
 Love the country feel.
 Love the country. Live on the farm I grew up on.

Love the geographical elements, beautiful area. Purposely chose a very rural county with low population & traffic, but good area to enjoy the arts, hiking, sightseeing, food, friendly people. I feel we probably need to consider how to fund some salaried fire Dept./EMS staff; but foremost have a program to train individuals (right here or join another county in aspects of rural emergencies. Perhaps starting the program via local school system, for book work, interning with larger companies, in cities. this is tough, dangerous job.
 Love the open fields, cows, horses + beautiful views
 Love having spaces between me + my neighbor
 lovely scenery nice people
 Low Crime
 Low crime and being rural
 low crime rate
 Low crime rate/ MTS and open space
 Low crime
 Polite people
 Caring neighbors
 Low crime. Good neighbors.
 low density, diversity of residents, natural beauty
 Low density, open space, unobtrusive commercial enterprise, quiet rural community. Spirit of volunteering on the part of many.
 low population
 Low population open spaces
 low population (few people)
 Low population density
 low population density
 Low population density
 Service
 Low population density.
 LOW POPULATION
 BEAUTIFUL SCENERY
 low taxes
 More working together between the races than use to be.

most everything, except the taxes
 Mountain Living
 mountain views
 clean air + water
 mountains
 Mountains
 Mountains.
 My bank and restaurant and mechanic all
 know me. Life is relaxed, roads are good.
 My family lives here, and it is a quiet, safe
 place. Lots of wonderful people.
 My home (space)
 My home where I live
 My location
 My sweet cabin, clean water and air.
 N/A
 Natural beauty
 Natural beauty
 Natural beauty
 Natural beauty
 Natural Beauty
 Natural beauty - NATURE!
 natural beauty and appreciation of
 Natural beauty and quietness. Main roads well
 maintained.
 natural beauty unspoiled, sense of community,
 sense of safety, uniqueness, lack of malls,
 low population density, the many cultural
 opportunities, night sky, lack of
 development, good restaurants, interests in
 the arts, wildlife, outreach.
 Natural beauty, community, interesting &
 involved people trying to serve the
 community
 Natural beauty, lack of traffic, efforts to
 minimize commercial intrusions, efforts to
 control development community services -
 Library, Health Clinic, Newspaper
 Natural beauty, low population density and
 lack of shopping centers, commercialization,
 chain stores and traffic.
 natural beauty, no congestion, no large stores,
 some very good restaurants, RAAC and
 theater events, good zoning
 NATURAL BEAUTY, NO DEVELOPMENT
 INTERESTING PEOPLE

natural beauty, peacefulness
 natural beauty, preserved by sensible zoning.
 quiet escape
 People- friendly, helpful and interesting
 lack of retail and commercialization
 Natural beauty, relative lack of bad traffic
 Natural beauty, tranquility, cultural aspects,
 agricultural orientation, open spaces.
 Natural beauty, wildlife, pace of life etc.
 Natural beauty. Lack of development.
 Natural beauty. Sense of community.
 Natural beauty. Zoning laws that protect it.
 Diversity of community.
 Natural beauty/national Park directly adjacent.
 Many family members still reside in the
 County.
 Natural beauty; rural atmosphere; abundant
 wildlife; friendliness of residents, honesty of
 local government officials
 natural environment
 Natural environment - open space wildlife mix
 Affordable real estate taxes
 old fashion village value system, library
 Natural landscape.
 Natural setting, community; arts, efforts in
 environmental protection
 natural surroundings
 Nature
 Nature - opens spaces - rural environment
 Nature, peaceful setting.
 Nature.
 Nice combination of community and privacy
 nice people, beautiful scenery
 No box stores
 No Box Stores
 No developers
 Rural life
 No stop lights
 no changes,
 beauty, peace + quiet
 no close neighbors
 no commercial franchises
 No commercial signs or fast food places.
 NO COMMERCIAL

No crime
 No Blacks, a few,
 No Mexicans, a few,
 close to Appalachian trails
 No crowds
 No emissions
 No fast food joints - zoning - no billboards -
 one stop light - dark @ night - accessible
 county govt -
 no fast foods, no big boxes + no bright lights at
 night.
 No growth. Maintaining the natural beauty of
 our County.
 No housing developments.
 no madding crowds, few symbols of modern
 mass consumption culture, scenic beauty,
 essential agrarian nature.
 no more subdivisions taking over the county,
 like Culpeper
 No people.
 No single factor
 no sprawl
 No sprawl, like Warrenton. Serenity, visually
 stunning, quaintness/character very
 appealing; no stoplights, commercial
 development.
 No stop light.
 No chain store.
 Community support.
 No stop lights
 no subdivisions
 Farm land - open space
 close to N.P.
 No subdivisions, quiet community and plenty
 of open space.
 No subdivisions.
 Open land
 Pristine countryside
 no traffic
 no traffic
 no traffic
 No traffic lights
 No traffic lights

No traffic lights and no chain businesses. Love
 the small town feel and picturesque
 landscape
 no traffic lights, fast food, housing
 developments, commercial things
 No traffic lights.
 No traffic lights. Its very rural nature. Sparsely
 populated.
 No traffic.
 NON COMMERCIAL
 Not a big city
 Not a lot of Traffic
 No Wal-marts
 Love the peace and stars
 Farmland
 Not built up
 Not developed. Beautiful scenery. No
 stoplights. No franchises. Starry skies.
 Mountains. Good schools. Friendly
 neighbors. Feel safe.
 Not having a lot of houses around and traffic.
 Not much auto on the road (rt. 211) except in
 fall - sitting on my front porch + looking at
 the skyline drive + the mts. that are around
 me.
 not over crowded
 Not over populated.
 Not overgrown. Small towns are nice.
 Not seeing shopping centers & apartment
 building everywhere, the open countryside
 Not so crowded, still small town, where most
 folks help the old folks & learn from them
 instead of shunning
 not so many cars and stores
 Not so many people. Beautiful vistas.
 Number of people.
 Open areas
 Quiet
 Open land, fields, woods, farms, schools,
 community, church.
 Open Space
 OPEN SPACE AND SMALL POPULATION
 open space, local farmers & local generational
 residents.

Open space, Mtns., Safety, Privacy, not developed.	Peace & Quiet.
OPEN SPACE, NATURAL BEAUTY, ARTISANAL FOODS AND ART	Peace & Quiet.
Open space, protected land, quiet living, privacy, closeness of community members	peace & quiet.
Open space, scenery	Peace & quiet/beauty
Open space. Rural atmosphere.	peace and quiet
open spaces	PEACE AND QUIET
open spaces	Peace and quiet
open spaces - rural - low population, little commercial activity - quiet	Peace and Quiet
Open spaces and low population. Low density traffic. Current low level of commercialism.	Peace and quiet
Open spaces, lack of traffic, slower pace of life, community spirit.	Peace and quiet
Open spaces.	Peace and quiet
Open spaces. Little traffic. Beautiful views.	Peace and Quiet except during hunting season.
Outdoor life.	peace and quiet of the county. Beautiful landscapes
Outdoors, limited development, no franchises, caring & active community, land protection, good planning.	Peace and Quiet, Generosity, Lack of People, Arts, Restaurants
Outside Activities	Peace and quiet, people/community
Beautiful Views	Peace and quiet.
Minimum Traffic	Peace and quiet.
Pace of life.	Peace and quiet. Low population.
PACE OF LIVING, FRIENDLY PEOPLE, BUCOLIC SCENERY	Peace and quiet. Nature. Privacy. Beauty.
Pastoral scenery; good, relaxed friends; the quiet; fresh fruit/vegetable available; absence of billboards on hi-ways, big box stores. Rural feel due to the 25 acre parcel policy.	Peace and quiet. No pollution.
Pastoral views.	Peace and quiet. no traffic or stop lights.
Pastoral way of life	Beautiful scenery. Great people.
Pastoral	peace and quietness
friendly people	Peace and tranquility
live and let live attitude	Social scene
artistic, cultural, political scene	Peace
peace & quiet	Quiet
Peace & quiet - not much traffic	Peace, quiet, deep sense of community.
Peace & Quiet	peace, quiet, free spaces undeveloped, unspoiled
Volunteer opportunities.	Natural unspoiled beauty
Peace & quiet, beautiful scenery.	wildlife views, freedom, smaller gov't
Peace & Quiet.	peace, simplicity, privacy
	Peace, tranquility, natural beauty, rural community with rural outlook and expectations
	Peace. Beauty.
	Peace/Quiet/Proximity of wildlife/forest.
	Peace/quiet/safety/animals
	peaceful

Peaceful living
 peaceful living! Beautiful environment
 community spirit
 Peaceful Privacy
 PEACEFUL, BEAUTIFUL, GOOD PEOPLE,
 FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
 WHO CARE. ALL MAKE RAPPAHANNOCK A
 LOVELY PLACE TO LIVE.
 Peaceful, not busy.
 Peaceful, not busy.
 peaceful, quiet living -beautiful area- friendly
 people
 peaceful, quiet, good neighbors
 PEACEFUL, SAFE
 Peacefulness, safety, beautiful landscapes.
 Peacefulness.
 Peacefulness.
 Peacefulness/low development/proximity to
 Nat. Park
 low population density/beauty of
 countryside/vineyards etc.
 People, school, Pace
 People, social life - concerts, movies,
 fundraisers, beautiful place
 People.
 People.
 People.
 People. They seem to share our values and are
 upstanding and interesting and interested
 citizens.
 Pharmacy / Grocery Store, Pharmacy priority

 physical beauty and kind citizens
 Physical environment
 Pleasant views.
 Police force.
 Population density low, non-commercial
 nature
 Population density, diversity of wildlife, open
 space/natural space/forests, farm acreage,
 small independent - owned business, gravel
 roads, old structures, dark skies
 Population density.
 Preservation of agricultural farmland and view
 sheds.

Preservation of nature and animal habitats
 Pristine nature, beautiful views, dark skies,
 wildlife
 Privacy and nature.
 Privacy and safety.
 Privacy
 Availability of cultural opportunities.
 Privacy, natural beauty.
 Privacy, neighborliness, independence, natural
 beauty, diversity of backgrounds (though not
 race), simplicity, culinary opportunities,
 openness, history, pride of place.
 Privacy, view, hearing animals
 Distance between neighbors
 Privacy.
 Privacy.
 Privacy.
 Privacy.
 Privacy. Not a lot of traffic.
 Privacy. Quiet.
 Privacy. Quiet.
 Privacy. Country life.
 Privacy. Small town feel & living
 Privacy; property values.
 Quaint rural living.
 QUALITY OF LIFE
 quality of life - beauty of surroundings.
 quality of life, great people, quiet,
 peacefulness
 quality of life, scenic
 Quality of life.
 Quality of life/ no hassle & bussle/ views/
 rivers & streams/ community
 Quality of lifestyle, great friends and
 neighbors, no congestion or big
 development
 QUALITY OF THE PEOPLE,
 NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE
 SURROUNDINGS/ENVIRONMENT
 FORUMS TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS
 quality, and quiet life.
 Quiet
 quiet
 QUIET

quiet
quiet
Quiet
quiet - no housing developments, major stores,
etc.
quiet - peace - no signal lights - no traffic
rural life and countryside beauty
Quiet - peaceful
Rural - beautiful
Kindness of residents
quiet & peaceful environment
quiet / rural / no development
Quiet and friendly. Sense of community.
Quiet and no big business
QUIET AND PEACEFUL
Quiet and security.
Quiet and tranquil, absence of congestion
Access to hiking and open space
quiet country life
Quiet country living.
Quiet county setting
Quiet layback lifestyle and beautiful scenery.
quiet mountain views
Quiet neighborhood
Nice neighbors
Quiet open spaces.
I live on my farm and like it!
quiet peace, lower home prices and taxes,
friendly people!
Quiet rural life
quiet rural setting - scenic beauty
quiet surroundings
quiet surroundings/farming community for the
most part
Quiet
Away from the city, but most things we need
are ~25 minutes away
Quiet
No neighborhoods
Spread out
Quiet, beautiful countryside. No glaring lights
at night and no franchises.
Quiet, beautiful open spaces. Plenty of privacy
and not over crowded.

Quiet, Beauty
Quiet, beauty, farmland, neighborliness, living
in small town, but being close to nature, lots
of progressive-thinking people.
quiet, bird feeders are busy from dawn to
dark. The roads here are nice, and beautiful
trees!
Quiet, close to other areas with available
services
Quiet, country atmosphere - beauty of the
area -
quiet, friendly people, little traffic
Quiet, good roads, good neighbors, wildlife/ I
am an avid bicycle rider in Hills. Could be
more attractive to tourist--need work on this
issue.
Quiet, low crime, rural, natural beauty.
Quiet, low density, living with lots of wildlife
wandering by.
quiet, low traffic, low crime, local food and
produce (organic)
Quiet, mountain views, lightly populated
Quiet, nice people
Quiet, no ambient light, rural
Quiet, non-commercial
quiet, none industrial
QUIET, NOT CONGESTED, SMALL POPULATION
quiet, not much traffic, small town, schools
quiet, peaceful
Quiet, peaceful isolation, beauty
Quiet, peaceful living.
quiet, peaceful, no overloud of traffic or noise,
wildlife no nose neighbors It's god's gift to
mankind if they take time to listen and enjoy
Quiet, peaceful, no traffic, distance from
neighbors
Quiet, peaceful, open pasture, open land, little
development, local government feels small
and accessible, friendly people, small
community.
Quiet, peaceful, rural setting. Friendly people.
Arts, wineries, antique shops, breweries and
restaurants.
quiet, rural settings, usually friendly people,
wildlife, school system is AWESOME

Quiet, rural, in harmony with nature, in scale of population that promotes community and personal relationships with neighbors.
 Quiet, rural, low crime rate, no stop lights
 Quiet, scenery, mountains, most people
 Quiet, scenery, school system
 Quiet, serene, safe
 Quiet, slow pace, congeniality.
 quiet, small population, country life
 Quiet.
 Quiet.
 Quiet.
 Quiet.
 Quiet.
 quiet.
 Quiet. Dark skies. Natural beauty. Friendly neighbors.
 Quiet. Darkness. No big box stores. Beauty. Respect for privacy. Sufficient regs in zoning ordinance.
 Quiet. Darkness. Wildlife.
 Quiet. Scenery. Slow pace. Wildlife.
 Quiet. Unassuming. Rural area.
 quiet/simple lifestyle
 quietness
 Quietness and peacefulness -- our quaint little village of Washington, VA.
 Quietness
 Nature
 Knowing your neighbors
 quietness, laid back life
 Quietness.
 quite
 quite beautiful, peaceful, laid back slow life style. everyone friendly and helps each other. respectful mood
 Quite, Private
 Rapp. is beautiful
 Rappahannock County is unique. The beauty and solitude is what make it so. Until lately, I believe that those who live here feel the same.

Rappahannock has been the home of my family for over 200 years. I returned over 20 years ago to help my mother. I've stayed because this is HOME to me. I love reconnecting with family and friends. I love the mountains, the streams, the wildlife, the rural feel.
 Rappahannock is trying to keep growth down.
 real living
 Relaxed & friendly
 Relaxed environment.
 Restrictions on land development.
 retains rural nature. Privacy. No growth.
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural
 Rural - no businesses - no development.
 Rural & country atmosphere.
 Rural / quiet
 rural agricultural scenic
 Rural and agricultural community. Open space and low population density which leads to peace, quiet and privacy and abundant wildlife.
 Rural and friendly people, almost laid back, wildlife. Spirit of community service.
 rural and natural beauty.
 Rural and nature.
 Rural appeal, beauty.
 Rural area
 Rural areas.
 Beauty.
 low amount housing.
 Rural Aspect
 Rural Aspect of the County
 Rural aspect.
 Rural aspect.
 Rural aspect. Quality of life. Lack of commercialism.
 Rural aspects.
 rural atmosphere
 Rural atmosphere.

Rural atmosphere.
rural beauty
Rural beauty
Rural beauty - No strip centers (shopping)
No traffic - This county is a respite from the busy surrounding areas
Small Gov't to do only the bare necessities
RURAL BEAUTY AND LESS CONGESTION WITH PEOPLE AND TRAFFIC
rural beauty, choice of schools, wealth of local arts,
variety of foods, sense of community
Rural beauty, not spoiled by development.
Rural beauty. Open spaces. Agriculture.
rural character
Rural character - open spaces - beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains
rural character & seclusion
Rural character (lack of development)
Rural character and small community atmosphere
Rural character to a point
Rural character, agricultural based economy.
No retail chains, no stop lights, dark night skies, no housing developments
Rural character, lack of crime, natural beauty, privacy.
Rural community w/ active farming/Agriculture
Rural community, Quiet, Scenic easements
This is our home.
Rural community. Privacy. No HOA.
rural context
rural country, no cell phones, friendly community feeling
Rural countryside; low population.
Rural county life -- No sprawl and crawl
RURAL ENVIRONMENT
Rural environment - peace & quiet!
Rural environment and sense of community.
Rural environment, lack of development. Also, our strong sense of community.
rural environment.
Rural environment.
rural farm economy

rural farmland
Rural feel - interesting people close to, yet far away from D.C.
rural landscape-rural community
Rural life -- no traffic-- no signal lights
Peaceful & Quiet! Great 911 response!
Rural life -- slow development.
Rural life (privacy, mountains).
Rural life style
Rural life with relatively easy access to shopping, cultural enrichment, & restaurants---if you can drive!
Rural life, beautiful views, no close neighbors
Rural life, natural beauty, organic and sustainable farms, sense of community, arts culture, restaurants, no chain stores, mom and pop businesses.
rural life, natural setting.
Rural life, no stop lights, no fast food, ability to be in nature, freedom for people and dogs.
Rural life, no traffic, only small business
rural life,
low population
open space
Rural life.
Rural life. Low density. Many farms. Good neighbors. Dark skies.
Rural life; culture.
rural living
Rural living - limited "housing areas"
- Friendly
-Road maintenance!
- Many community, church weekend activities
- Large parcels
Rural living in a tight knit community.
Rural living on large acreage
Rural living with most services needed available.
RURAL LIVING,
NO HOA'S
Rural living.
Rural living.
Rural living--small town
Rural natural nature

Rural nature
 rural nature
 Rural nature & restrictions on development.
 Rural nature and environmental commitment.
 25 acre minimum. Real working farms.
 Rural nature of county
 Strict building/commercial laws
 RURAL NATURE OF LIFE
 rural nature
 no stop lights
 open space
 Rural nature, low population, wildlife
 abundance, outdoor recreational
 opportunities.
 Rural nature.
 Rural open spaces, friendly neighbors
 RURAL PRESERVATION
 Rural preservation
 Rural quality.
 Rural quality.
 rural setting & low population
 Rural setting and open country. Low traffic.
 Peace and quiet.
 Rural setting woodlands space, beauty.
 Rural setting.
 Rural setting.
 Quiet
 Beautiful
 Rural slow pace of living.
 Rural small town atmosphere
 It is not Northern VA!
 Rural space, simplicity, foliage.
 Rural undeveloped
 Support for agriculture
 Active community for arts etc.
 Beautiful
 Rural unspoiled landscape, natural beauty,
 night skies, abundant wildlife, open spaces,
 scientific vistas.
 Rural values. Open spaces and natural beauty.
 Schools.
 rural yet close to Culpepper town.
 Rural zoning.

Rural
 Small, accountable gov't
 Rural, beautiful, open, uncluttered, simple
 Rural, beautiful, scenery
 Rural, country living without development and
 growth which has occurred in surrounding
 counties.
 Rural, farming lifestyle.
 rural, friendly, love nature.
 rural, low population
 rural, low population, sense of community
 Rural, near enough to city cultural aspects such
 as Theater and arts, the mix of interesting
 people. Minimum crime
 Rural, open land, community.
 -Rural, pastoral, beautiful, peaceful
 -Reasonable amount and quality of cultural
 activities
 Rural, peaceful
 RURAL, PEACEFUL, NO TRAFFIC
 Rural, peaceful, relaxing
 rural, quiet, undeveloped
 Rural, quiet, wildlife
 Rural, quiet.
 Rural, small town living. Friendly people,
 seclusion, privacy.
 Rural, uncrowded environment that is friendly
 to home & larger agricultural pursuits.
 RURAL, UNSPOILED CHARACTER
 LIKE MINDED PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED
 IN NATURAL WORLD
 Rural, unspoiled, view good
 Rural, woods, lakes, river, quiet, one school,
 people
 Rural.
 Rural.
 Rural.
 Rural. We don't want any businesses (like
 schools) built in the neighborhood.
 Rural; no stop light, beautiful, quiet, night
 skies; no strip malls.
 Ruralness
 Ruralness - no traffic lights, lightly developed.
 Ruralness - Quietness - No Lights
 Friendly people

RURALNESS, PEACE AND QUIET

Safety of community & availability to other regions

Safety, no traffic, clean.

Scene is beautiful.

SCENERY

scenery lack of traffic, Quiet

Scenery

and cultural activities.

scenery

Rappahannock county school system

Scenery, easy carefree travel

Scenery, farmland, rural but not too rural area.

scenery, quietness, privacy

Scenery. A safe place to live.

Scenery. Friendly people. Good local government.

Scenic and peaceful.

scenic beauty / low density / not commercial

Scenic beauty.

Scenic beauty. Low population density.

Scenic beauty. Low population. General sense of community. We are the County version of the classic "small town" and I think that's terrific.

School - special education.

School system

School system.

schools, privacy

Secluded, rural settings. I like having no railroad tracks or stop lights- I like being able to get away from the city.

Seclusion Beauty quietness
n traffic lights small schools

Seclusion, natural beauty - mountains, forests, streams, proximity to SNP, no traffic, no traffic lights, no fast food, very limited retail, no convenience stores

seclusion, privacy

Seclusion, quiet, people, beauty

Security & peacefulness

Senior Citizens our forgotten the young move out

sense of community

sense of community - positive giving attitude of most

Sense of community

we also like the individual small-businesses

serenity.

Simplicity

Simplicity

Local business owners - no chain merchants
great school system

preservation of ruralness & wildlife & setting

Simplicity: no traffic lights and no fast food or other franchises.

slow country life style

Slow growth.

slow pace of life and the serenity

Slow pace, lack of density, views.

Slow pace, mountains

Slower pace of life, less traffic

SMALL COMMUNITIES. SMALL SCHOOLS.

QUIET, LOW CRIME, POSITIVE SOCIAL EXPERIENCES.

small community, great people, intellectual base, concerts, restaurants

Small community, great people, intellectual base, concerts, restaurants

small community-quiet & content

Small County. Privacy.

small government

open space

Small government. Limited development.

small population , having peace of mind

Small population.

Small population.

Small population.

Small rural community where you know neighbors and those in the community. Very safe.

Small rural county, un-crowded, beautiful.

Small school - Teacher/student classroom ratio.

small town community, variety of people, amazing friends, love the beauty & rural atmosphere

Small town feel

small town feel - ability to know many people
in the community - feel like we belong
Small town life - knowing your neighbors;
being involved in community -- Small
population -- low density, etc.
Small town. Quiet. No neighbors. The very
little changes in 24 years.
Small, generous community
quiet rural area
Solitude
Solitude!
solitude, quiet, peaceful, woodland
Sophisticated serenity.
Space to breathe, Beauty, Wildlife
space, privacy, good people, farm to table,
food & wine, near wilderness but not too far
in, eclectic mix of residents, not overly
regulated, e.g. guns/shooting sports.
Sperryville
Stay much like it is.
Staying rural
stays much like it is
strict zoning for both residential and
commercial structures; low population;
preserving green space for future
generations that otherwise will know
nothing but urban sprawl
That is hasn't turned into Middleburg
That is like no other County. I love that there
are no chain stores, no stop lights; I love
that there are no low-income housing. This is
why we live here--to get away from all those
things. Leave things like they are.
THAT IT HAS MAINTAINED IT'S BEAUTY
That it's rural, agricultural and sparsely
populated. We appreciate the absence of
strip malls, chain stores and fast food
restaurants.
The absence of corporate commercialism.
The atmosphere - the county is beautiful and a
great place to raise a family
The availability of fresh produce
The beautiful area, the history of the old mill
people. The friendly people and love and
working together of everyone in the
community. People know each other.

The beautiful country
The beautiful countryside
The beautiful countryside. I do not want to see
new houses. property divided or No.Va. or
other transplants coming to Rappahannock
and then wanting all the conveniences of
Fairfax etc. I don't mind traveling 30 minutes
+ to shop etc.
The beautiful County.
The beautiful mnts - starry skies
The beautiful open spaces; the one traffic
signal;
The small population and the 1950's feel of
it.
The beautiful open spaces; views; nature.
Proximity to Shenandoah N.P. Eclectic and
friendly community.
The beautiful views; the quiet
The beautiful, peaceful countryside. the lack of
shopping malls, big box stores. the zoning
regulations that aim to reclaim the
agricultural nature of the county "fellow
spirit" neighbors and county residents
The beauty
THE BEAUTY
the beauty
The beauty and most of the people.
the beauty and peacefulness
The beauty and peacefulness, pace of life
The beauty and quiet atmosphere
The Beauty and rural lifestyle
The beauty and rural nature.
THE BEAUTY AND THE PEACEFULNESS
the beauty and the people
The beauty and the small amount of people.
The beauty of it, it's agricultural nature, it's
economic diversity
The beauty of nature - rural living
The beauty of the country. When I got to bed
and raise my window a little I can hear the
frog on my neighbors pond. The moonlight is
beautiful on the mountains and it is mostly
quiet. I think I am in Heaven and I go right to
sleep.
the beauty of the county

The beauty of the county and the feeling of family and community - everyone knows you and people are ready and willing to help in good times and bad times

The beauty of the County. Crime rate is low. People seem to get along. No hassle, no rush.

The beauty of the county. The slow paced living. The quiet and nature that surrounds me.

The beauty of the County; the landscape.

The beauty of the environment

The beauty of the hills, mountains and roads.

The beauty of the land.

The beauty of the mountains

The beauty of the mountains and the night sky.

The beauty of the natural surroundings, so strip malls, no stoplights

The beauty
great place to retire!

The beauty
The lack of development

The beauty, pace, and tranquility, and the friendly helpful people.

The beauty, peace, and quiet.

The beauty, privacy and clean air

The beauty, quiet, close community

The beauty, the balance of nature, the community,

The beauty, the serenity & being close to family.

The beauty, the slower pace, a chance to engage with people to address issues.

The beauty.

The beauty. Open spaces. Lack of suburban sprawl.

The climate and the beauty of the area.

The closely knit community that we are a part of.

The community closeness and beauty

The country - mountains

The country life, not a lot of street lights, the peacefulness of living away from busy highways and city life.

the country side

The country, quiet, clean, country life, easy
The countryside and lack of development.

The county side + my property

The environment. The natural beauty. The diversity of the population.

The good people working together to help one another - Little traffic

The healthy environment

The incredible beauty - all seasons. Relatively mild moderate weather - all seasons. The

close proximity to shipping areas and entertainment and the larger cities, DC,

Northern VA, Charlottesville & Winchester

The intellectual and emotional stimulation and support through friends and fellow citizens engaged in volunteer activities and cultural events (the arts, plays, theater).

THE LACK OF CONGESTION

the land

The landscape, lots of open space, rolling hills, pastoral scenery, low levels of commercial and residential development, lack of sprawl around small towns, access to organic fruit and vegetables and meat.

the local people-the beauty

The low development-open spaces-low density
the cultural - art, music etc. - offerings

The many opportunities for enrichment that are available to my child.

the natural beauty

The natural beauty & peaceful nature of the community

The natural beauty & rural surroundings--no traffic lights, great views, many rivers, scenic beauty.

The natural beauty

The pace of life

The animal wildlife

The natural beauty.

The natural beauty.

the natural rural yet sophisticated nature of the community-everyday I wake up and it is different but uniquely beautiful. That is why I choose to live here

The natural state and lack of development.

Beautiful views and lovely small towns.

The non-commercialization (no chains) and emphasis on environmental protection/conservation.

the outdoor beauty

The outdoors - fresh air, mountains, stars, trees, quiet, beauty

the people - everyone is very nice

The overall feeling that I get from living in a rural area with so many connections to nature and how it contributes to my love of "magical thinking".

The overall quality of life and environment, without all the "hustle and bustle".

The pace (little traffic), the majestic views, the numerous opportunities to volunteer, the sense of "community"...

The peace & comfort of living in a rural, country area.

The peace and quiet and safety. I also like that my children were not exposed to very many bad influences at school.

The peaceful pace of life.

The peacefulness

The peacefulness of county and feeling safe

THE PEOPLE

the people and beauty of the county

The people and churches

THE PEOPLE AND EXCELLENT ZONING!

THE PEOPLE AND HOW PRIVATE IT IS

The people are loving + caring. We look after each other. There is beautiful landscapes

The people we've met (rural and mountain views, low traffic)

The percentage of land that is protected through conservation easements as well as within the bounds of Shenandoah National Park.

The physical beauty

The physical natural beauty of the county and the general sociological consensus that life is truly worth living here because of that.

The power nature has over our lives

The privacy and easy living

The proximity to the town of Warrenton & where I work. I am a Fauquier County official.

The quaintness of the towns (small and friendly) the beauty of the area that surrounds the county. The mountains, the State Parks. Rappahannock Co. is one of the most beautiful places. A piece of heaven here on earth was a school bus driver for 12 years and there was always moments of pure awe of God's creation. I love to drive just to see its beauty.

The quiet country life

The quiet country life - no nosy neighbors or home owner associations. The wildlife all over.

THE QUIET LIFESTYLE, FRIENDLY INTERACTION WITH NEIGHBORS, ACCESS TO SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK AND THE BEAUTIFUL UNSPOILED COUNTRYSIDE

The quiet pace of life. Lots of space.

The quiet, natural beauty of the county.

The quiet, nature, and quality of life. Love Washington and Sperryville.

The quiet, open spaces and sense of safety.

The quiet, the darkness at night, the strict zoning laws for development, the nice people, the mountains and hills.

The quiet.

The quiet; the lack of strip malls + buildings; nature; being near SNP; lack of heavy crime;

The quietness, it is a safe place to live

THE QUIETNESS, SEEING THE STARS AT NIGHT. FARMLAND, SMALL TOWN. NOT A LOT OF TRAFFIC. COUNTY LIFE AND FAMILIES, GOOD NEIGHBORS. I FEEL SAFE. BACK TO NATURE, BEING CRATIVE

THE REQUIREMENT FOR LARGE ACERAGE FOR BUILDING KEEPS THE COUNTY RURAL AND OPEN. THIS MAINTAINS THE BEAUTY OF THE MOUNTAINS AND COUNTRYSIDE.

The restrictions on commercial investment and determination to keep the natural beauty of the county

The rural and natural beauty of this incredible county.

Wildlife abounds and peace and tranquility is the way of life.

Arts and culture are respected and can be found. People are caring and wonderful.

The rural and small town atmosphere. The beauty.

The rural area.

The rural aspect - able to know many residents

The rural aspect as well as how quiet it is. This County is a gem and it would be a shame if it were filled with unnecessary retail stores and houses on top of each other.

The rural aspect, the artsy aspect, the wineries and boutique farms. Its beautiful, the people are nice and the schools are small enough to individualize education. No chain stores or restaurants.

The rural atmosphere with little or no traffic or stop lights. The peacefulness of the undeveloped country side the beauty of the mountains.

The rural atmosphere. Location to Front Royal, Culpepper, Winchester and Charlottesville. Also DC, though infrequently. The local folks.

The rural character and eclectic population.

The rural character and the lack of commercialism (i.e. big box stores, etc.).

The rural community.

The rural country setting.

The rural environment.

The rural environment.

THE RURAL FEELING

The rural nature and lack of major development.

the rural nature and the great sense of community

THE RURAL NATURE OF THE COUNTY

FARMLAND, FOLIAGE, MOUNTAIN VIEWS

The rural nature of the County, including the scenery.

The rural pastoral setting couple w/an above-average appreciation of the arts and continued education.

The rural quality of life provided by county and town services.

the rural setting

the rural

The safety

the safety/security is good - low crime

The scenic beauty. The people (for the most part) and it is my part time home.

The schools and how it is still open and not crowd

The schools; the country living.

The serene nature.

The setting.

The slow pace of rural life filled with friends

The slow pace. No heavy traffic.

The small community, beautiful views, law enforcement.

The small schools

The small town atmosphere with not a lot of development.

The solitude, coupled with wildlife

The stunning natural beauty of Blue Ridge Mountain wildlife, land with cattle, bright stars on dark sky.

The traffic, lack thereof, I enjoy the view and lack of the craziness of Northern Virginia. People are generally very nice.

The tranquility, not a lot of traffic, not having neighbors right on "top of you", having my own space, being able to look at a window and see mountains, not buildings.

The unencumbered beauty with few power lines, few traffic lights, low sounds, trash on roadways, few trashy yards, few derelict buildings.

The views

The welcoming community

Quality of community life

The views, the farms, the small population, the arts.

The views. The low density of population, the rural character of the county, the friendliness of our citizens, the abundance of wildlife.

The way of life that the county used to have before all of you "do-gooders" decided to make it "better"

The wonderful environment; it is clean and beautiful, and there aren't many people to mess it up.

The woods and streams, open space, quiet and peaceful with dark sky.

THE ZONING AND LACK OF DEVELOPMENT

Thinly populated.
 This is a wonderful place to live and call home.
 To live in an area with a quiet and rural setting.
 Prefer over urban settings.
 tranquil, rural setting
 Tranquility, unblemished nature.
 Tranquility.
 uncrowded, peaceful
 Under development - rural living
 undeveloped,
 open spaces
 1 undecipherable phrase
 urban lifestyle, not the city
 VDOT in winter
 quietness
 size of building lots
 Very little traffic - beautiful Mountains
 Very little traffic.
 Very little traffic. trash & recycle area
 Very peaceful and not so much crime.
 Very Rural
 view shed, quiet
 Views, agricultural appearance
 Views, people, acts
 Villages plus rural areas, agricultural nature of
 many properties, people--very interesting
 group, no chains(stores and restaurants) and
 no stop lights
 Vistas; down to earth values of people who
 have lived her many years. no hustle &
 bustle like in towns & cities; love no street
 lights so you see the night sky; can see and
 feel the change of seasons.
 Visual beauty and tranquility. Interesting and
 stimulating cultural community.
 VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FOR COUNTY NEEDS
 We appreciate the natural beauty &
 peacefulness Rapp. county does a good job
 on zoning to control growth.

We boast "no growth". This is the closest
 county to a major city with only 10,000
 residents in the USA. 60 mi. to DC.
 Rappahannock residents can get to the
 metro & Downtown DC for all the museums
 & medical facilities (1hr.)
 Were I live in Sperryville
 what nature provides
 Wide-open spaces, celebration of all things
 rural. I hope the county will retain its unique
 sense of place as not the DC suburbs and not
 a bedroom community for DC
 With our slower pace of lifestyle. No airports.
 No trains. No big commercial businesses.
 Less traffic.
 WOODLAND, OPEN SPACE, RELATIVELY CLEAN
 ENVIRONMENT, RELATIVE LACK OF
 INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION
 Woods, wildlife
 zone laws
 The quiet
 Wildlife
 zoning & land use taxation
 Zoning & rural fare.

B4: With which aspect of life in Rappahannock County are you LEAST satisfied?

- Activities for youth
 - Cooters ?
 - Confederate flags
 - Cell phone service (AT&T)
 - Deer population is crazy
 - For those of us that grew up here, hard to come back and purchase land unless grandfathered thru family, for which I am thankful.
 - Divisiveness between some "come-heres" & "born-heres" as evidenced on RappNet
 - Income disparity
 - Lack of high speed, affordable internet
 - Non progressive school board!
 - Need to implement magnet school for environmental studies.
 - MORE YOUNG FAMILIES WOULD BE GOOD
 - BETTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 - ENCOURAGE MORE RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY
 - Personal interactions
 - Dishonesty of workers in the Office of Revenue
 - Dishonesty of some local vendors
 - Public transit shuttle for disabled and elderly
 - Find and create summer jobs/internships for youth
 - Organic farming with no pesticides
 - Roads-
 - Cut taxes
 - More field trips around the area (to D.C., Charlottesville, etc.)
 - Internet
 - Slow response of fire & Rescue units due to volunteer only companies
 - no cell coverage in some locations
 - Social Services Department does not seem to have help or people to help the elderly with things (?) companion services etc.
- "Come heres" who think they need to improve it.
- "Good 'ole boy" local government, especially zoning process.

"grocery stores" are specialized and too expensive. It is not realistic to get all of your groceries in the county so there is at least a 20 minute drive to grocery store.

(1) The lack of road maintenance and the lack of our representatives pushing VDOT to do their jobs. The condition of our dirt road is appalling.

(2) No cell service.

cannot read the first word clearly seems to be bad in Washington. County Administration has no balls. IE: cannot or will not improve cell service. Need more shopping capabilities, not more upper end stores. County needs to reduce cost of running school system. Taxes are too high for the services provided.

?solution: geographic, economic, technologies, colors/socio professional, lack of access to services; lack of support for small businesses; overdependence on volunteer and non-profit support for public services and social needs, including education.

?, pobia, bigotry, misogyny and reverse snobbism, racism.

1) No refuse and recycling site on this end of the county - need to exercise eminent domain and put a manned facility on land island at the bottom of Chester Gap Rd.

2) Poor side road maintenance & upgrading.

1) poor cell phone coverage

2) Poor internet coverage

3) poor transportation options for schools + seniors

1) Tension between "been heres" and "come heres" and opposition to business and growth. Much of this opposition has been surprisingly vitriolic and nasty. 2) Lack of restaurants and food shops.

1. I HAVE TO DRIVE 20+ MILES TO A GROCERY STORE OR PHARMACY OR VISIT A DOCTOR
2. EACH VILLAGE NEEDS A COFFEE SHOP LIKE 24 CROWS!
3. CELL COVERAGE IS POOR - MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO GET HELP IN AN EMERGENCY
4. THERE IS A SMALL ELEMENT OF THE POPULATION THAT BULLIES PEOPLE THEY DON'T LIKE.

1. Limited access to quick food at reasonable price

2 Limited tax base w/all the land use will become a larger and larger burden for the few citizens that do pay full tax rates - County needs business growth for tax revenue

1. Accessible internet, we have the only option of satellite which is expensive and too slow and inconsistent to work from home or provide an alternative to satellite TV and some web streaming services.

2. Cell phone coverage is not accessible at our home and close to home to the degree we can talk on the phone without dropping a call.

1. age profile of residents, need to attract more young people.

2. Encourage more/better investment in schools.

1. Lack of cell, broad band

2. Opportunities for youth, specifically a pool/rec center. Wish we had a 'Y' here (gym, pool) for all ages. Otherwise, that's it! I'd drive in/join the WARF, but it's really expensive for out-of-county, out of town of Warrenton users.

1. lack of diversity. 2. Lack of post-high school and post-college opportunities for young people. 3. Strongly republican. 4. Rural mindset - "we've always done it this way-- causing a split between "old timers" and "come-latelies" and a devaluing the idea of newcomers.

1. Poor medical care

2. No cellular service

1. those that speed down rural roads to include those w/heavy equipment/machinery.

1. Too many weekend residents

2. Little Washington does not need a mayor with fewer than 40 residents. The whole county should have a say on what goes on

3. Overpriced rentals, lack of affordable housing

A County official has taken over running the county. He is not elected - he abuses the law and no one seems to be able to stop him.

The newspaper should not publish abusive letters!

If [name of individual] wants to talk at a town meeting he should be forced to stay for the whole meeting! That also should go for anyone who wants to talk.

A few people trying to change things like trying to take away our night lighting

A Former Commissioner of Revenue a grocery store would be nice.

A little far from conveniences

A Rich Co. with no internet

A young person is unable to live in Rappahannock because they cannot afford to buy land. There is also no work they have to commute

ability to continue living in county considering rising taxes.

ability to use cell phone service or high speed internet

Absence of cell phone service. Lack of basic shopping (pharmacy, dollar store type outlets) and medical services. Limited dining opportunities.

ACCESS TO GROCERY STORE. WE HAVE TO DRIVE 30 MINUTES FOR EVERYTHING. ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE.

Access to local food.

access to restaurants and health care
accessibility to adequate cell service and internet

grocery store

Affordable household goods - cell phone service

High speed internet service

Affordable housing for young people and seniors

Affordable housing.

Jobs.

Affordable places to eat.

aging population

lack of job opportunities

lack of affordable housing

All of my new "neighbors" who want to make things "better" because they are so much smarter... and "helping" massages their ego... and in most cases is very self-serving.

All the attempts to change Rappahannock into Northern Virginia.

Amenities.

Amisville has too many gun shooters which creates noise and safety issues.

Animal control

Chester Gap needs leash laws!

Waste of the police force to be dealing with animals running around.

We need leash laws before a child gets hurt.

Annoyed that there are those who would want to turn the County into another Loudoun County.

Anti progressive opinions in the community

Lack of broadband and cell service

No food stores alternatives.

antiquated local government agencies which shun 21st century technology.

Any development; people building homes on beautiful mountains.

Any negative outside influences. example: drug use and distribution in our schools.

Arrogant people moving here and acting like it is some kind of country club with a homeowners association making rules. For instance, don't want affordable housing and griping enough to get the rules changed on having old vehicles, tractors, etc. on their property that spoils their view as they drive by. I wish half these people had just kept on driving before they moved here.

AVAILABILITY OF CELL PHONE RECEPTION AND INTERNET ACCESS

Availability of medical care.

back roads - VDOT poor.

no cell phone capabilities

poor internet speed

BAD DRIVERS, ESPECIALLY MOTORCYCLES

Bad roads -- Back roads need to be upgraded.

Basic utility services are very expensive and poor quality. IE: phone (landline), internet, satellite, no cell phone service, quality of education in public schools with very limited technology, no dental and medical services that can handle any sort of emergency (x-ray, broken bone, abscessed tooth, etc.), care and transportation for the elderly.

Being very old now, I could use more help. But I didn't need this in earlier years. I now experience loneliness which I didn't for 40 years.

better internet/cable

Better phone lines (Verizon) - Phone service constantly interrupted

More affordable internet & cable TV

Better technology -i.e. cell coverage DSL etc.

Bickering by some residents about any type of change.

Big trucks are often on the road near my place.

There has been new housing and land cleared for more.

Blighted properties (Lombardy), trashed trailers spoiling the pastoral views. 25 acre restriction should be changed to something more reasonable so people can afford to live here.

Broadband Access

Broadband internet access. Lack of youth center.

CABLE SERVICE,

LACK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR TRESPASSING DURING HUNTING SEASON

cable, lack of high speed internet, no cell phone coverage, very frustrating + DANGEROUS

can't think of any -- maybe increasing property taxes.

Can't think of any that are compelling.

Care for the elder population -- especially those who live alone and lack transportation.

- cell & broadband service
- cell & internet services
- Cell and internet access.
No grocery store or drug store.
- Cell and internet service
- Cell and internet service -- we cannot attract professionals who want to live and work here if they cannot work/use a computer.
They will not purchase property here.
- Cell coverage.
- Cell phone and internet access; we would spend more time here with better connectivity and it would also improve safety if cell phone coverage was improved - first responders etc. We think improved access will improve the quality of life and continued implementation of current zoning laws are the major driver in restricting growth.
- Cell phone and internet service.
- CELL PHONE COVERAGE
- cell phone coverage
- Cell phone coverage
- Cell phone coverage (lack of). Exercise facilities (complete lack of).
- Cell phone coverage for safety and security reasons.
- cell phone coverage
- Internet service
- Cell phone coverage.
- Cell phone reception & internet options are terrible in Rapp Co.
- Cell phone reception.
- Cell Phone Service
- cell phone service - lack of worry about emergency health response time.
worry about emergency health response time
- cell phone service is bad
- Cell phone service is poor and can exacerbate emergency situations in areas with no coverage. lack of public footpaths/right of way to permit walking/riding throughout the county.
- Cell phone service is very limited
- No shopping options - must drive to Front Royal, Rescue services are volunteer-based, few activities afterschool for children, few jobs/business opportunity, tax base comprised of citizens
- cell phone service
- emergency services
- Cell phone service.
- Cell phone service.
- Cell phone service.
- cell phones + internet service
- Cell service & high speed internet.
- cell service availability for emergency purposes.
- Cell service would be nice on our end of the county--Woodville.
- cell service
- internet options
- places to bike
- Cell service! It's an issue of safety and provides opportunity for those who cannot afford internet service.
- Cell service, lack of affordable high speed internet & cable TV if you live off a main road.
- Cell service. I think the county could be creative about hiding towers. My teenage children cannot contact me when sports practice is over or when leaving school for the 20-minute drive home.
- Cellphone/TV coverage - weak signals/lack of restaurants - though understandable
- Cellular coverage (personal safety issue). Certain areas of the county appear to be treated differently than others. Example would be the location of landfills or dumpsters, I travel 36 miles to dump my trash.
- City people coming in and wanting to change everything. They're not very friendly.

city people who come for a short period of time and want to change things and throw money around to get their way. I detest that. Then they leave and go elsewhere.

Civil discourse.

Commerce, businesses
cell service

Commercial development.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES --- PHONE AND INTERNET

COMMUNICATIONS. SOME AREAS OF THE COUNTY ARE WITHOUT CELL SERVICE AND HIGH SPEED INTERNET SOMETIMES MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS.

Community conflicts.

Condition of side roads

Connectivity. Internet in particular -- the work-around can only get less functional as the world transitions to more WIFI for everything. We need high speed -- true version, not patchwork.

CONSTANT ARGUMENTS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION. LACK OF CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE AND LACK OF BROADBAND

Constant attempts to make the county a "Little Fairfax"

Continual agitation by a small group to transform Rapp from a rural community into a High Density Clone of Prince William County. I view this survey as one more effort to organize toward that end. Rapp needs and has a vision that differentiates it from Northern Counties. I live here because of its rural character not in spite of it.

control of certain agencies in county by liberals
convenience

Convenience of not having a grocery store or enough gas stations. Everything is too expensive.

convenience to restaurants, groceries, etc.

Conveniences- you have to drive everywhere instead of walking (miles) not just minutes.

COST OF HOMES & LAND YOUNG FAMILIES CANNOT AFFORD TO RAISE THEIR FAMILIES HERE

Cost.

Country workers should not have new vehicles, they should use older ones so money should be used for fire Dept. & police, Waste at its best. Taxes & rent is too high for the normal working person. 100% cost hike on dog tags--was \$5 now \$10 each. Need more shopping stores so we don't have to go so far for buying groceries. More affordable housing. Liquor store, laundromat, car wash, steakhouse we can afford to eat here. The average middle class can't afford to eat at the restaurants here.

County Administrator and Board of Supervisors
county government

County taxes

County's lack of internet (reliable) access.

Satellite is not the answer. The county should re-visit this matter to ensure cable/DSL reach the households far from main street.

Crony-governance issues in town of Washington. Creeping monopolization of the town by the Inn. Failure of town officials to observe common rules of administrative procedure and due process.

Curious politics in Little Washington.

Deer keep eating my lilies & roses.

deer population

Development

Dishonesty of our Sheriff and her staff.

Disparity between rich newcomers and the rest of us.

Distance from medical services

Distance from grocery shopping
distance from shopping, libraries, gas stations, Doctors, etc. - 20 miles each way
distance from Slate Mills to most anywhere I want to go.

Distance from stores and restaurants.

Distance from urban areas and from friends and family

Distance to cultural activities

Distance to exercise facilities, lack of cell coverage & good internet.

Distance to grocery store, etc.

Distance to grocery store.
 Distance to larger town but this is also a plus.
 Distance to shopping
 Distance to travel for most necessities. A pharmacy would be my first choice to add to the County.
 Division between people who always live here and newcomers.
 Divisive "from here" or "come here" sentiment
 DIVISIVE, OFTEN MEANSPIRITED PUBLIC DISCOURSE ABOUT ISSUES AFFECTING ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS AND A STRONG SENSE OF NATIVISM AMONG SOME COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ENGENDERS CYNICISM ABOUT THE IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS OF "NON NATIVE" RESIDENTS
 DO NOT WANT NEW GROWTH
 Doctor access limited. I have to go to Warrenton. Cell phone service, poor quality internet access, not much for children to do. No sense of community.
 Drugs.
 Elder services,
 lack of public transportation
 internet connectivity choices insufficient
 too few young people
 cell phone service availability
 elitist attitudes of "come heres"
 Emergency service -- cell/internet.
 Emergency services.
 Emphasis on moneyed people; Realtors, businesses are all predicated on lucrative money/status and their 'world' begins to revolve around this group. This county is very diversified and the real people need a place/identity. In other world, there is a stats picture but those pictures fail. Businesses don't last; people leave the county. Moneyed people 'pay off' with a check but not with real concern/openness to the reality of diversity in the county population. We need folks with imagination and willpower or risk in change.
 employment opportunities
 employment opportunities

employment opportunities & cost of living in county
 Encroaching developers
 encroaching development from neighboring counties.
 Ever increasing taxes and the school systems never ending appetite for more money.
 everyone knows your business
 Excessive taxation, elitist attitudes of county government and residents; too many city people moving in, the "Good Old Boy" network, no high speed internet service
 Expense and limited services for communication (cell phone, internet, \$80/month for a land line!*) *necessary for emergency
 Expensive and unreliable internet service.
 Extremely poor cell phone reception. Too much road litter.
 extraneous noise human caused -- such as unlimited 24/7/365 allowable in wineries. city people here on weekends using constant gun fire
 Extremely high tax rate on property! Poorly paid teachers, overpaid county employees, lack of jobs, lack of affordable housing facing old age and the prospects of being able to live here when I am in my 70's or 80's
 Family being able to build on property less than 20 or 30 acres; cost of land/property.
 Far distance to stores.
 Far to drive to work
 But I would rather do that than live in the city.
 fast drivers
 Fear of any changes, lack of internet or cell phone signals. Population, whether rich or poor is skewing older. Lack of jobs for younger people or affordable housing.
 Feels too rural, need more modern basics (e.g. cellular coverage, etc.)
 Finding work.
 fog and deep snows
 Food establishments that are quality and affordable.
 Friends always wanting you to help with something.

Getting a speeding ticket.
getting lost on the way to Castleton Festival
lack of cell phone service where we live
Getting too crowded. Too many weirdos
shooting zillions of round for 'fun!
Good ole boy network.
GOSSIPY INTERNET
Government
Government
Government Offices are antiquated - lack of
modern functions needed (sic) to a computer
system fascinates me. How can we move
forward as a county if many processes
continue to be maintained by hand?
Government!!
Government(local), Law Enforcement
grocery shopping, cell coverage
Growth and traffic
growth threat
Gun practice / shooting noise
Half hour from conveniences--maybe that's
good. Too much planning
Hard question - I don't need services now but
will in future as I/we age.
Have to travel at least 30 minutes to the
grocery store.
Having 10 acres of land paying high taxes
Farmers & larger landowners pay no more
taxes than smaller landowners.
Having no cell service
Having to drive 10 or more miles for health
care, groceries, etc.
Having to drive 25-30 miles for groceries +
health services.
Having to drive 30 minutes to shop & how high
taxes are.
Having to drive so far to shop. We need a small
shopping area in our County (groc. store,
drug store, dollar store etc...)
Having to go out of the County to shop for
food!
Having to leave county for a grocery store.
Having to travel to Warrenton or Front Royal
to shop or go to dinner. Also real estate
taxes are high.
Health care and medical services.

High cost of taxes
HIGH PRICES AT STORES. NEED MORE GAS
STATIONS. PAVE GRAVEL ROADS. CUT
DOWN DEAD AND OVERHANGING TREES
NEAR POWER LINES. 1 MORE CELL TOWER
IN SPERRYVILLE/WOODVILLE. DSL IN
EASTSIDE AND SOUTHSIDE OF COUNTY.
High speed internet is not readily available.
HIGH SPEED INTERNET OPTIONS
high speed internet.
high taxes
high taxes
High taxes -- no tax breaks for "seniors" who
own land.
High taxes (assessment).
High taxes w/ no return. No trash collection.
No mail service.
High taxes, lack of growth
No fast food restaurants, too many high end
restaurants for out-of-towners, too many
homosexuals, county officials who lie to get
elected and then use position for their own
gain.
High taxes.
High taxes. Have to be paid by December 5.
Home assessments keep going down
Home values, i.e. county assessments are
completely incorrect.
Housing (affordable) for our children
DSS makes up its own rules; no
accountability; unqualified people.
Housing costs, internet/cell reliability sux (?),
no places I feel safe (from cars) to ride a road
bicycle.
Housing for people who have not had major
financial success
Housing/property costs.

How a certain how that I drive by has "get together" when the weather is good. They sit outside and smoke and drink Blue Ribbon beer. They throw their cans down on the ground. If the wind blows they blow down by the highway. Also I think it is so unnecessary for people driving along to throw out their sandwich wrapper and their potato chip bag and soda pop can onto the road. Rappahannock is beautiful. Where is these peoples pride in their surroundings?
 How the county approves special use permits, and the county government shows no responsibility.
 Hunting on Sundays
 Hunting on Sundays, not enough doctors, not enough affordable restaurants
 Hunting season.
 I am happy living here. I want it to stay the way it is. This is why I moved here.
 I am least satisfied with the non-access to emergency rooms.
 I am not dissatisfied with any aspect of life here - I love it!
 I cannot get cell phone or affordable Wi-Fi or fast speed internet at my home.
 I cannot think of anything I lack.
 I can't think of any.
 I don't know-not enough 20-30 year olds
 I don't think the young people see any future here or any reason to stay-nothing for them to do in leisure or professionally. Also, I am self sufficient but won't always be. We need elder care here
 I have no complaints. love everything as it is HERE AND NOW! But....
 (...politics and frivolous lawsuits
lack of sate cell phone service/coverage in Boston area)
 I HEAR THAT THE COURT SYSTEM IS ENTIRELY TOO LENIENT ON DRUNK DRIVERS. PROSECUTE THESE CITIZENS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW!!!

I left the city 45 years ago to get away from those people. Now they are increasingly arriving and trying to change things to be like what they ran away from. Examples: they say, "we need":
 A: Noise Ordinance
 B: Speed Cameras
 C: No Shooting - Too noisy
 D Fenced pets/Lease laws
 E: And last but not least: The city people that called the farmer next door at 3AM to say "Can't you keep that cow quiet"?!
 I miss a General Store w/ grocery items. Quick Marts just do not compare to a fully stocked General Store.
 I noticed some construction going on in the County and I am afraid we will become like Fairfax County - full of developments (e.g., shopping centers, mega malls, huge high rise apartments and offices, etc.). I live next to a large trailer park and some abandoned buildings (one of which is a small restaurant which caught fire about 6 years ago and has not been demolished). I am afraid these might be a breeding place for crime and drug users.
 I think more attention should be given to low income housing.
 I think the County needs a drug store and food market. I don't think not having a red light or fast food place is any thing to be proud of or brag about.
 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AS WELL AS AN EFFORT TO CREATE JOBS FOR THESE FAMILIES.
 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.
 If I forget something at the grocery store, it's an expensive problem. Living in the county requires a lot of planning and a lot of money. If I run out of milk, I have to pay twice as much to purchase it at one of the local "convenience" stores. And there is no quick, cheap place to get dinner when I'm just too tired to cook.
 I'm quite satisfied
 I'm satisfied.

In a tourist-driven economy, the extremely poor cell phone coverage means lots of lost, unhappy people wandering around--many of whom won't return because nobody likes losing their cell signal. These days, it's just odd, backward and unacceptable to 99% of the people to have their phone conk out, myself included.

In county availability of good needed services.

IN MY LOCATION OF THE COUNTY, COUNTY GOVERNMENT IGNORES US AND JUST CASHES OUR CHECKS.

COUNTY MANAGER/GOVERNMENT PRETTY USELESS.

In young kids there is a lot of drugs and alcohol involved. The winding streets are not safe. Kids needs healthy entertainment.

Inability to have adequate cell phone access. inconvenience

buying a car and paying taxes on it and then having to pay on it again EVERY YEAR

Inconveniences; shopping, health care, etc.

Segregated community; segregated economic classes

lack of jobs

lack of infrastructure i.e., internet connectivity

folks could be a bit more friendly and inclusive

Inconvenience--which can be rectified w/ good planning.

Increased traffic with disregard for safe speed in the town of Sperryville. Despite meeting with law enforcement, no effective action has been taken.

Increasing intrusiveness of urban values and practices

increasing noise day and night + light at night
increasing vehicle traffic on 522; too much funding for schools from property tax

Incursion of small properties.

Influx of drug crimes.

influx of new people who want to improve on what a life time of families find to be a great life. Mainly bread and breakfast on private roads!!!!

Internet

Internet & cell phone coverage, commute Internet & TV service but that's almost a national rural problem.

Internet + cell service hurts us in many ways.

For emergency, for business, for the financial burden of satellite services. It's critical that a solution be achieved.

Internet access & quality of speed

Cell phone service

internet access (not available)

cell phone service (sketchy)

internet access

cell phone coverage

Internet access, school system, dearth of families our "age," quality of political leadership.

Internet access.

INTERNET AND CELL COVERAGE

Internet and cell phone access.

INTERNET AND CELL PHONE: CRUMMY SERVICE

Internet and modern technology access

Internet availability.

INTERNET CONNECTION (VERIZON)

LACK OF CELL PHONE COVERAGE ALTHOUGH I AM AVERSE TO CELL PHONE TOWERS

Internet connectivity

Internet connectivity/cell phone coverage

Internet is expensive and not dependable. Cell phone does not work at all.

internet service

internet service, cell phone service.

Internet service. Need more deputies.

Internet, cell service

internet, distance to consumer businesses, and lack of paved roads.

Internet/cell phone coverage

Internet/cell service.

intrusive weekenders come here trying to control others space

It claims to be southern.

It costs too much to live in the county. If you have a large family it is not easy to live here It has actually become less diverse since I lived here.

It has become, as many places, an area dominated by retirees, with wealthiness and "glamorization" tendencies.

It is hard for people/young adults that are born in Rappahannock County to afford housing within their own county

It is hard to get cell phone service here. There are very few stores to get groceries and supplies. The lack of cell phone service can lead to emergency situations if the phone lines go down and you lose your electricity during a snow storm or thunder storm. This is a safety issue and should be remedied.

It is increasingly difficult to fend off the 'mentality' that has corrupted most of the east coast that development is synonymous with quality of life (Nova, Hampton Roads).

It is not accessible for grocery store, childcare, eldercare. That include transportation for elderly people.

It is very expensive to live here. Taxes are high, finding land to build is not easy if you only want a couple of acres.

It might be nice if the community were a bit more vibrant and if it were better able to support younger families.

It would be nice - but not necessary - to get internet and/or TV w/o a dish

It would be nice to have cell service, but there really isn't anything we aren't satisfied with.

It would be nice to have more cell phone service so I wouldn't have to stand outside to use my cell phone and a few more big name stores.

ITS LACK OF A DRUGSTORE

IT'S PERFECT JUST THE WAY IT IS.

job opportunity, expensive

Jobs

Lack of a "labor Exchange" to find a pool of employees for our canning company.

Lack of a small amount of more commerce.

Lack of a strong middle class. Few younger families because of a lack of jobs. To many older people (such as me!) Not enough younger ones.

Lack of access to internet and cell service.

Lack of access to reliable, affordable, high speed internet.

lack of adequate cell phone coverage

Lack of affordable food options.

lack of affordable housing

Lack of affordable housing and job opportunities for young people

Lack of affordable housing, jobs

Lack of affordable housing.

lack of amenities

Lack of availability of multiple media companies keeps Internet/TV costs higher + reduces competition. However, we would rather pay than live in congested areas that have more options for service.

Lack of business

Lack of cable TV/internet services

Mercury vapor extra bright lights

LACK OF CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. THE

COUNTY HAS MONEY FOR EVERYTHING ELSE.

Lack of cell coverage and affordable high-speed internet; harsh and nasty rhetoric on Rappnet and Rapp News relating to local issues; unnecessary legal actions brought by a small group of discontented residents

Lack of cell phone & internet access.

Lack of cell phone access

Lack of internet access

Lack of cell phone and internet service

Lack of cell phone and TU

lack of cell phone coverage

poor internet coverage

Lack of cell phone coverage.

Lack of cell phone coverage.

lack of cell phone service

Lack of cell phone service

Lack of cell phone service and high speed internet service.

Lack of cell phone service

Inconvenience of food shopping, pharmacy (too far)

Faster and cheaper internet service

Lack of cell phone service

Lack of broadband internet access.

LACK OF CELL SERVICE AND GOOD INTERNET

Lack of cell service, affordable internet.
Lack of cell service.
Lack of cell service.
lack of cellphone connection
Lack of community activities for kids
Lack of connectivity (cellphone - internet)
really disadvantage to school, people, kids
who have none at home.
Lack of consistent cell service in certain
pockets of the county. Also, the diminishing
numbers of young people (i.e. children) in
the county.
lack of consistent high speed internet
connection for all county residents
Lack of County Official Assisting with property
issue. - "Time will take care of it" - POOR!
Lack of County services - road maintenance.
Lack of countywide internet service.
Lack of decent cell phone service.
Lack of diversity in age/ability to interact with
more diverse people -young - foreign -ethnic
groups
more tourism
lack of diversity, acceptance/tolerance of
white supremacist icons, school system
dysfunction, plenty of retirees, not enough
families raising kids, no pharmacy
Lack of electronic access to the rest of the
world.
Lack of electronic connectivity.
Lack of transportation options for those who
need.
Lack of employment & affordable housing.
Would like to see us explore how to keep the
scenic beauty & create more jobs & housing
for all.
Lack of employment options.
Lack of fast internet and cell phone coverage.
Lack of good wireless communication.
lack of grocery store of any size, monopoly of
only "Quickie Mart" in county, lack of greater
law enforcement presence, no business to
share tax burden, overabundance of
"drinking" establishments

LACK OF GROCERY STORE,
RATE OF TAXES --- ONLY HAVE SOCIAL
SECURITY
FOLKS IN WASHINGTON SEEM TO
FORGET/IGNORE CASTLETON/AMISSVILLE
Lack of high speed internet
Lack of high speed internet & cable TV services
in our area.
LACK OF HIGH SPEED INTERNET AND CELL
PHONE COVERAGE
Lack of high speed internet
Lack of cell phone service
lack of high speed internet, other than
satellite.
Lack of high speed internet.
Lack of high speed internet. Citizens that are
not only resistant to change, ANY change,
but are mean-spirited about it. Unwilling to
listen and just nasty to their neighbors.
Lack of high speed internet; lack of public
parks.
lack of housing and jobs for younger
generation
lack of internet and cell phone coverage
Lack of internet and good cell phone reception.
lack of internet cable, cell phone service
more restaurants for everyday dining
lack of job opportunities in the county, lack of
post secondary training for those not
attending college. lack of "gathering place
for teens.
lack of jobs
Lack of low income housing,
education/training opportunities for High
School graduates.
Lack of low income housing.
Lack of main stores.
Lack of major grocery stores/pharmacy; too far
from life's necessities.
Lack of modern communications
Lack of opportunity for graduates
lack of or poor cell & Internet connection
Lack of proper secondary road maintenance
(VDOT).
Lack of quality communications services
(internet, cell, etc.)

Lack of recreational/fitness facilities.
 Lack of reliable cell service-- Slow internet and minor problems really.
 Lack of retail grocery stores beyond corner store.
 No ABC store.
 Lack of services -- Poor schools.
 Lack of services provided based on taxes paid.
 Abuse of land use tax breaks. 4 cows on 50 acres is not a farm. Board of Supervisors are all large landowners - not objective. County needs slow moderate growth. Not one grocery store in the county.
 Lack of services. No cable. No franchise. A grocery/pharmacy. Maybe even fast food would be good within the County.
 Lack of shopping convenience, reasonable hotel for average consumer
 lack of some retail businesses needed for everyday living, though I know there is not the population to support them and habits have formed to look for needs in Front Royal, Warrenton, and Culpeper.
 Lack of store convenience, inability to sub-divide land. Access to health care providers.
 Lack of sufficient retail. Poor to no cell phone service.
 lack of support for local businesses; If folks want businesses here year round to help our tax base they must be more willing to support them.
 Lack of support for youth sports (primarily football)
 lack of technology -
 no cell service is ridiculous in these times
 lack of choices other than satellite
 Lack of transportation and housing for low income and elderly people.
 Lack of transportation services.
 Lack of Verizon cell phone service. Lack of maintenance on County roads.
 Lack of viable employment and affordable housing.
 Lack of work available within the county
 Narrow mindset

Lack of young families entering the community, somewhat elitist. nature of diversity with respect to property ownership, i.e.. affordable, small tracts of land are minimally available.
 lack of support for fire and rescue
 Lack of young people. When they graduate from high school they leave + only a few return
 Lack of youth activities, need a central community building to host Parks & Rec meet ups, after school activities, adult education classes, HIGH SPEED INTERNET NEEDED!
 Lackadaisical governance (board of supervisors) and management (administrator).
 Land assessments resulting in higher tax value
 Land use a rich man law
 law enforcement
 Law enforcement.
 Length of time to access major hospitals like UVA, Winchester, or INOVA
 Life sustaining controlled development.
 Light pollution (Night sky).
 Limit cell phone access - Dangerous!
 Limited access to grocery stores, expensive housing due to no sub divisions.
 Limited available to purchase retail goods
 Limited cell phone coverage, and internet services,
 affordability and availability of moderate to low cost
 Housing -
 we are becoming a community of old retired people
 limited gov't resources - court services availability.
 Helpfulness of court office
 availability of fire dept.
 Limited internet and cell service. Stink bug issue. VDOT not cleaning out ditches and culverts.
 Limited public notifications of events and happenings.
 Limited technology (cell & broadband access)

Littering	n/a
Shooting	N/A
Sheriffs Office	n/a
little broadband and no social media culture	NA
no public transportation	Need a grocery store
no cell service	need better cell phone coverage
not enough young people	need better cell phone service. Threat of power outages.
Little Wash -- Shee She	Need better internet and cellular solutions.
Living on a unpaved road	Current systems are spotty and expensive.
local government	Need to raise teacher pay so we can compete with surrounding counties. We are losing and not attracting the talent we should.
locals don't seem to support business much	
Lonely, nothing to do.	
Long commute to work. No cell service at home. Hard for young adults to find jobs.	need more businesses, need a grocery store
No public transportation.	
Long drive to anywhere (groceries, work, etc.)	Need more cell towers!!!
Long way to shop but I wouldn't want big stores nearby, so I live with it happily.	Lack of cell phone use
	Need more funding for the high school. Better internet.
Long way to trash dump	
long way to county offices	need more jobs
Long way to school's	need more younger people --> jobs
Love to have another affordable and good quality restaurant beside TRG	Needs more access to services for the elderly
Love/hate distance to stores etc...	Even a listing of Professionals who do in home would be an improvement. and transportation for non-drivers
meanness on the Internet (RAPPNET)	Negative Effect of a small number of nay sayers on rappnet
Medical care, such as the lack of a pharmacy.	
medical care/ groceries - lack thereof/ cell service	new city - liberal move-ins
MODERN SERVICES; LIKE RELIABLE CELL SERVICE AND INTERNET	new comers who want to "improve" things-
NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR COUNTY CHILDREN	new houses on previously farmed land
WAGE GAP BETWEEN THE WEALTHY RESIDENTS AND THE POOREST	housing non-ag workers-paving of dirt roads-
money legislator, and Admin. Organization.	the creation of "factions", the creeping of national politics into local politics
gov't getting much larger , Population smaller	new people coming in and wanting to change stuff
More competition of gas stations and convenience stores.	New people coming in only trying immediately to change the rural community
A drug store.	New people moving into County, placing their immediate views and opinions into the County mix.
Motorcycle traffic (noise)	
Litter	Newcomers want to live on welfare and really don't want to work. The County is rural and I like it that way.
Motorcycles on weekends.	
Lack of cell service.	Newcomers who want to change it!
N/A	

newer residents wishing to have the county be more like the area they left!

Newer residents/Elitists Income gaps between residents

Real estate prices No affordable alternatives to Public School.

No affordable housing, no growth. Difficult for young families and the elderly. No jobs.

No affordable housing, or care for aging population.

NO AFFORDABLE INTERNET/CELL SERVICE

NO BIG STORES, NO LARGE FRANCHISE RESTAURANTS

No broadband or cable internet, lack of cell phone coverage (Verizon)

NO building -

No cable TV or internet service available in certain areas.

no cell coverage, ridge top development

No cell coverage.

no cell phone & no internet

No cell phone coverage & Rappnet.

No cell phone coverage.

no cell phone reception in Sperryville

No cell phone service

No Cell Phone Service (safety hazard) - Emergencies

No cell phone service or pharmacy. Old school politics.

no cell phone service where we live, no good grocery store nearby.

no cell phone service lack of cable or FIOs

No cell phone service

No cable

No food delivery

No cell phone service.

No cell phone service. Internet service is bad, too.

no cell phone service.

Won't let any business come in to County that is needed here.

NO CELL PHONE SERVICE; SPOTTY INTERNET SERVICE

no cell service

no cell service

no cell service

no cell service - no internet

feels like the stone age

No cell service at home, only satellite internet and T.V. service

No cell service in power failure, no jobs for young or affordable housing

No cell service in this part of the county.

Elective officials with limited vision.

No cell service or high speed internet

No commercial businesses, stores, pharmacy, daily restaurants

Board of supervisors are very closed minded

Not enough money for schools & children activities.

No cell service where I live and inadequate internet service.

no cell service where we live and in most of the county; very poor internet service (slow speeds, service interruptions)

No cell service, Lousy internet. How much Rappahannock cater to the rich and taxes the middle class since we can't do Land ? etc.. to lower our taxes. and how the upper class dictates what is allowed into the county as far as services like cell towers unless it benefits them in some way.

No cell service, need to drive 40 minutes to get a prescription filled.

No cell service, no web/internet service appalling land telephone lines. It was not till recently that outages slowed--they were weekly--we make do with very expensive satellite service--very slow and exp.

no cell service.

No cell service. Bad internet.

No cell tower. Do not have cell service & am concerned if I break down I can't call for help.

NO CELL TOWERS

No cell towers

no cell towers

lack of affordable shopping

No cell towers.

NO CELL/INTERNET SERVICE

No change.

no close convenience stores or gas stations
No community center, no high speed internet,
no cell service
No complaints.
No complaints.
no convenience
No double center line on Crest Hill in
Rappahannock
too many deer (population)
no easy access to high speed internet + cable
tv as well as cell phone service. Some back
roads in very poor condition.
No food chain close by. Taxes are too high for
what we receive.
No food stores or any stores , no cell phone
service and bad roads - 707 RT.
No good housing out here for single parents or
low income family.
No good jobs, pay=living cost; volunteer fire
and rescue -- short handed; local activities;
Jobs for teens.
NO GOOD LOOKING GIRLS
NO grocery store, pharmacy, shopping,
medical
No grocery stores in northers area
no grocery stores near
No grocery stores. None or bad phone
reception.
No high speed internet
No housing availability - not any stores to shop
-
No housing for low income families.
Teacher at our schools can't afford to live
here.
No internet No cell service
No paid fireman \
Kids can't come back here to raise family
No basic services
No internet - We need to catch up with the
world's third world countries and have high
speed internet at a reasonable cost available
to all residents.
no internet and cell phone service poor
No internet here. No cell service. No cable.
Expensive.

no internet in our area and not good cell
service
No internet service.
no internet, no cell service
no jobs
No jobs
no jobs.
no large grocery stores
No local pharmacy - but don't want a big chain
drug store either - so will settle going to
Warrenton!
NO OPPORTUNITY FOR EVEN SMALL GROWTH.
A SMALL GROCERY STORE, PHARMACY
WOULD BE SO HELPFUL. PROVIDE JOBS,
LESSEN THE TAX BURDEN TO RESIDENTS,
AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE 15
MILES FOR SIMPLE THINGS
No pharmacy.
No pharmacy.
Land & home costs too high.
Need more child oriented services.
No place for youth to build or buy home.
no place to shop except high priced country
stores and not much for teenagers to do.
No places for employment.
no public transportation - no pharmacy
no reasonable senior housing
No section 8 for low income
Social Service, good ole boy policy
acceptable to special need kids
no services/taxes
no shopping - grocery store in county
poor cell coverage
expensive rent and taxes
No Shopping places
No stores. You have a long way to go to
stores.
No stores; no food; distance to
shopping/needs.
no trash disposal near Chester Gap (unless you
pay for private company)

No women in supervisory positions. No accounting once school and county budget passes and how the money is spent. Each year the school board supervisors should hold meeting and state what tax money spent on to the Taxpayer

no young people
no business except tourist

No young people
No community clinic to see people on a regular basis

noise by all-terrain vehicles - guns being fired at target practice, etc.

Noise--Firearms enthusiasts, noisy dogs.

NONE

None identified, but expensive land line phone is troubling. We LIKE land line phone, but the cost is very expensive and mostly "TAXES".

None, I love Rappahannock my years living here not once have I had a problem. I will never move.

None.

North Poe's RD. is Terrible

not a lot of services available for elderly.

not able to afford to buy property here. very expensive to live here.

Not always pleased with the school system especially at the high school. High turnover, fair teacher, lack of programs.

not as convenient to services

not but one park - nothing in the outlining areas to walk or sit + relax - everything is focused at the county seat, Little Washington

not deaf-friendly. I'd love to listen to any lectures if they provide ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter. They must be skilled at signing + interpreting.

Not enough affordable housing for seniors and young people. Extremes in wealth here. Taxes.

Not enough business - some needed- always have to commute for jobs and shopping. Taxes are too high.

Not enough employment opportunities. No affordable shopping (groceries) close by.

NOT ENOUGH GROCERY STORES
CELL PHONE SERVICE IS BAD
NO MCDONALD'S

Not enough jobs and places to shop.

not enough places to shop, not even grocery stores (only small country stores)

not enough practical commerce

Not enough things for children to do.
No county pool.
More outdoor things for children
Few less expensive restaurants.

not having a place to grocery shop or a nice park for our children to play.

Not having a pocket friendly store to go to for the basic needs. You have to go to Front Royal, Warrenton or Culpepper to find a grocery store.

Not having wi-fi.

Not many channels on antennae TV

Not many opportunities for young college grads, but those opportunities are not too far away.

Not many places to work; young people cannot afford to live here.

Not many services. High taxes.

not real grocery options

not wanting to change like building new stuff.

like we could use a new building for a food pantry with lots of parking space

we could use a cheap restaurant

nothing

NOTHING

Nothing

Nothing significant comes to mind.

nothing that rises to the level of answering this question.

Nothing!

Nothing.

Nothing.

opportunities for the working poor, particularly housing--in the long run, a very detrimental situation.

Our gov't. Small as our County Gov't is, it needs to be down-sized, its budget cut, taxes decreased.

We should further revise our zoning laws to increase the size of a lot required for building a house from 25 acres to a larger lot, say 40 acres.

Our lack of vision and ideas to keep the county "sustainable" and viable for younger generations.

Our taxes. No relieve for the middle class + the poor. It is very hard to remain in a county when taxes keep going up.

Out of staters trying to come in & change things. They want to run every aspect of our town.

out of town residence, big wheels running things

Outside interests and agenda attempting to change County.

Outside pressure. Development.

OVER EMPHASIS ON ART GALLERIES AND NICHE BUSINESSES VS OTHER VENUES TO INTERACT WITH A BROADER RANGE OF PEOPLE

Overpaid govt workers - sky high school budget - the dump (personnel make you feel like a criminal when you try to use it. We quit using either location about 10 yrs ago but love to pay taxes for it)

Parts of County have cable and high speed internet. My end we have to have satellite.

Cell service is poor here.

PEOPLE IN TOWN WANTING TO FUND THINGS BECAUSE THEY HAVE MONEY.

people letting their dogs run loose

People that come from the cities & that want to change everything for their own needs.

Close the bridges & from all directions.

People that try to change our way of life "for the better" = not better. No understanding. Big picture missing. Leave it alone. Special place. Look at history.

People who chain dogs outdoors under horrible weather conditions and lack of enforcement to rescue the animal

People who claim to love our way of life ... move here ... then immediately want to "CHANGE" that which they claimed to "like" ???

People who come to Rappahannock and want to change it to be like Fairfax

People who live here are "tight" and do not always welcome others into community. If you work outside the County, it's very hard to be involved or accepted. That closure makes you feel like an outsider.

people who move here and want to change things to suit themselves. we constantly have to fight change to keep our country lifestyle and rural atmosphere.

People who think the County should become more "up-to-date."

Pervasiveness of churches and doggedly right wing inhabitants who seem to be impervious to logic or new ideas.

phone/internet accessibility

Police & Fire & Rescue

Policing - There needs to be stronger enforcement to stop trespassers and people that continually break the laws (trashing along roads, not controlling animals, etc.)

Political bickering
 Political conservatism
 Political polarization.
 POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURE,
 CONCENTRATION OF DECISION-MAKING IN A
 FEW HANDS, "SOME ARE MORE EQUAL
 THAN OTHERS"; POSTURING OF CERTAIN
 POWER HOLDERS (E.G. CLOSING MEETINGS
 TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON VITAL CITIZEN
 CONCERNS.
 Political.
 Political.
 Politics.
 Poor access to cell signal and high speed
 internet.
 Poor cell phone and internet access.
 Poor cell phone and internet connection.
 Poor cell phone coverage
 poor cell phone coverage
 Poor cell phone service
 Poor communication options.
 Poor connectivity, i.e. cell phone (emergency
 and reliable internet connections).
 poor internet service/ cell phone service
 poor internet, cell phone
 poor maintenance of back roads, poor internet
 service, lack of cell service, total reliance on
 volunteers for fire & rescue services with
 some issues on county management. High
 property taxes.
 Poor on taking care of back roads.
 poor phone service
 Poor public schools -- Grandchildren could not
 use them.
 poor road maintenance in our immediate area
 Poor roads
 No Internet/Cell Phone service
 Poor--no internet service
 Power Company trying to put more lights
 power outages
 Pretty well satisfied
 Property prices are too high for young people
 to establish homes here. Seems it is
 becoming a County of over 50's and
 weekenders.
 property tax increases
 Property taxes are too high.
 Property taxes keep going up.
 property taxes,
 lack of internet
 prospect of development
 any zoning changes to allow greater density.
 proximity to medical assistance/ home care by
 trusted and competent individuals
 Public education could be better supported.
 Teachers turnover has been high (I've been
 here since 1982).
 Quality of medical services & social services.
 Rappahannock county is a special place and we
 are very satisfied with what it offers us. We
 do, however, have two internet service
 providers because satellite is too slow and
 Wi-Fi line of sight is less reliable, but much
 faster.
 Rappnet is frustrating
 Satellite internet is horrible
 Real estate + personal property taxes for
 services offered in the county
 Real estate is high.
 REAL ESTATE TAXES TOO HIGH, LAND
 RESTRICTIONS ARE FORCING YOUNG PEOPLE
 OUT OF COUNTY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T
 AFFORD TO OWN 25 ACRES OF LAND
 REALLY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO USE MY
 CELL PHONE
 Receiving mail at a sectional box, would rather
 have a personal box for mail at end of
 driveway
 RECENT BICKERING AND LAWSUITS COVERED
 IN RAPPAHANNOCK NEWS
 recycling, programs for children
 Respect for the County's public education
 system.
 Would love to see us make some changes to
 allow technology to be accessed by all in the
 county.
 RESTAURANTS AND RETAIL FOR MIDDLE CLASS
 RESIDENTS
 RESTRICTED SHOPPING
 restructure zoning laws.

Retail shopping, food shopping.
Rising taxes, and poor internet connectivity,
but these are very low on the list.
Rappahannock county is doing things right,
so far
Road maintenance
Road noise on 522.
roads
Roads
Roads.
Roads. 211 is good. Back roads need more
attention to repair and snow clearance.
School administration. The lack of
transparency, the nepotism and the attitude
of if we ignore it, it will not exist, does not
work. They seem to aggressively attack
simple issues and overreact, yet ignore big
problems because it would reflect negatively
on the administration.
School spending.
School superintendent
Confederate flags
Anti-gay boy scout troop
School system
school system
School system needs dramatic improvement
Schools, care of small children
Persistent refusal to raise taxes.
Schools.
See above.
services
Services - internet, grocery store proximity.
Services -- phone, govt.
Services - the area lacks modern
communications infrastructure to a
considerable detriment. The services that
are available are below average and
expensive.
Services/Stores.
sewer assessment in town of Washington;
speeding on 522; lack of public restrooms for
tourists; lack of Chamber of Commerce's
promoting tourist attractions
Sheriffs Department.
Sheriff's office, roads

shopping
Shopping -- Dollar store needed.
shopping choices; no pharmacy
Shopping convenience - especially grocery (our
student says: internet and school board)
shopping convenience, no pharmacy,
laundromat, car wash, needs of an urgent
care!
slow broadband
Slow economic development for full time
residents.
Snobby people moving in.
some form of public transport for those who
can't drive.
Some new people buy a place stay several
years and change their living home & land so
many make then they are gone. Want to
change things.
Some people are very small minded and mean.
Some people want to assume and exert power.
These are usually people who are not really
happy anyway and just meddle.
Some residents putting bright lights in their
yards
Some road conditions. Winter maintenance.
Some roads need improvement. Encourage
small business and prevent chain or large
businesses from moving in. We receive a
huge number of tourist at times. We should
find a productive way to benefit as a County
if we are going to deal with all the visitors.
Sometimes prejudice - wouldn't mind some
amenities/convenience.
split between old + new residents
spotty cell & internet reception-need more
work options for internet besides satellite-
more professional young adult jobs-petty
politics
Spotty cell coverage and limited high speed
internet throughout the county
Spotty cell phone and internet service.
Stagnancy in the town of Washington. Would
like more options for food/drink in county,
especially Washington. Not a lot, but enough
to make the town feel like a place you can
spend the day.

Stagnation. There is a lack of energy. Business moves slowly. I am not advocating big business but even self-employment seems like walking through mud.

Stay much like it is, but some changes would be good.

stink bugs

STINK BUGS

- POOR cell phone reception
- Only 2 daycare options in entire county,
- Have to go to Fauquier Co or Warren Co for Doctor or Dentist and/or any shopping

Stinkbugs!

Stop increasing taxes - every year it feels like the taxes need to be increased. We have 2 schools and how many sheriff deputies? 20 - 26 - I have internet but it costs a lot - Because Rappahannock will not let any internet come into the county or cell phone towers.

STORES FOR SHOPPING, ESPECIALLY FOR FOOD. A GROCERY STORE WOULD BE NICE.

Strict subdivision of properties.

Stuffiness of some people, Lack of Diversity, Distance to Retail and Professionals (Doctors, etc.)--30 minutes to a major grocery store. Little to No Affordable Housing: those that work at many of the businesses have to live outside the county. Highways don't have a center line. No assisted living facilities. Land costs are outrageous. (Only the elite can afford.)

takes a long time to get to any stores.

Taking his trash to the County.

Tax assessment

- Elderly or Special Needs "at home" care organizations (low pay, no benefits offered)
- High Demand but quick employee turnover.

TAX BASE AND FAIRNESS OF THAT BASE

Tax burden being placed entirely on homeowners/land owners. no business taxes in this county

Taxation for seniors with limited incomes.

Taxes

taxes

Taxes

taxes

taxes

Taxes - Management

Taxes a little high

taxes and land zoning

Taxes and no call leaders.

Taxes are too high

taxes are too high

hard for a single person with a child to live in the county.

too expensive to live here.

Taxes are too high

Too many wineries

Taxes on vehicles. Needs more little business to help bring down taxes. Needs more cell towers.

taxes property - real estate, no grocery stores

Taxes to high

Taxes too expensive especially for elders.

Taxes too high

Weekenders want to rule everything

No cell phone service

Taxes too high.

Taxes too high.

Taxes very high

People throwing out trash along roads

Speeders on country roads

Taxes

No affordable housing for young people

People have to have 25 acres of land to build

Taxes! wouldn't mind paying the taxes we have IF there were services for those taxes.

We have no children in the schools, yet we pay for that. There is NO internet or cell phone service, NO grocery stores, no drug stores, etc...

Taxes, cell phone coverage, cater to the wealthy administrators who don't live in county, no tax break for fixed income seniors.

Taxes, drive times to shopping, internet monopoly, favoritism, politics, police patrols, no noise ordinance.

Taxes, for what little bit we get in services, regarding the size of the county. I think the property owners are paying too much

Taxes, lack of basic services, impassable/flooded roads.

taxes, morals

Taxes, V-DOT, The Inn at Little Washington.

Taxes, Zoning, Land Divisions for Larger families

Taxes.

Taxes.

Taxes.

Taxes. No place to shop.

Taxes. Nothing to show for the amount we pay in taxes. No services.

Taxes. They want to tax us for our own well water that we pay for and keep up! No!

Taxes. Cannot keep paying taxes. Will probably look to be moving within next year or so. Different county or state that tax rate is lower.

Taxes/ Revenue.

Taxes; home assessment; special taxing on folks with land in easement; no tax breaks for retired resident.

taxes-changing little Washington to mall

Technology and cell service and no high speed internet.

TECHNOLOGY!!

NO CELL COVERAGE AND VERY LIMITED INTERNET ACCESS.

Technology, lack of convenience.

Technology: poor internet and almost no cell service. It makes it difficult to work from home without proper IT infrastructure. I would also like to see more gifted and talented programs/courses at the high school.

telephone service from Verizon. Many days the landline is not working. I call when the service returns and they say they will prorate the bill but they never do. I think many people in the county are also experiencing poor service from Verizon. The corporation should repair the phones in this area, and reimburse the customers.

tendency to be clique-ish about "been heres" vs "come heres". Both groups tend to be clique-ish.

That our local county government is becoming more politicized, divisiveness and lack of respect for others (citizens and elected officials) sadly seems to be increasing

That single family homes pay most taxes while others live tax free.

THAT WE HAVE SO MANY WEEKENDERS IN THE COUNTY AND NOT ENOUGH FULL TIME RESIDENTS

That we're not here more -- Never enough time on the weekends. Seems like a lot of time & money wasted on local politics including whole mess re: Church parking lot, etc. in Washington

The "commuter" population who work & shop closer to D.C. and have little interest in bettering the local county economy/culture/resources.

The "discussion" of bringing in businesses.

The "Good Old Boy Mentality" but I've learned to live with it because I don't know of another place I'd like to live. I've been here for 40 years. Also people who move here or buy a week-end home and proceed to tell neighbors who've lived here for 40 years what to do. Money does not give you the right to judge or tell people what to do.

The "good ole boy systems" that still exist.

The "good ole boy" system. The politics and the people who vouch for others even when they are wrong. The school system and staff
The advent of people who only see the county as an investment opportunity.

The amount of taxes used for public schools.

Lack of accountability of School Board.

Poor customer service of county employees.

The availability of housing and distances from hospitals and grocery stores.

The behavior of some residents (especially Rapnet.). The lack of acceptance of new residents by existing long term residents.

The Building office - trying to build a home here is tough. The People aren't helpful, they are slow, and apathetic.

The building office. The rules are applied unevenly. It depends who is asking.

The cell phone service for AT&T, Verizon, and any other major carriers. A closer restaurant would be nice as well.

The cost of living. High taxes. No jobs.

The County Administrators and law enforcement.

The County has been taken away from the Natives of the County. Those families that spilled their blood, sweat and tears onto the farmlands can hardly afford to live here any longer. As for local government, it's a joke. The governing body falls back on the "golden rule" -- those with the gold rules. In this time, for an area such as Rappahannock not to have complete cell service and new age landline phone service has become unthinkable.

The county is made up of senior and come "heres". There are very few African Americans living here. They have had to leave for employment. Can't afford to own a home here, taxes are more than they can afford. We actually need affordable housing.

The daily traffic on our road, going miles over the posted limit

The disappearing families, too few children, the absence of the feeling of community. Rappahannock has become a tax haven for the very wealthy who contribute nothing to the lives of the permanent residents. Last, but not least (and probably the reason for all of the above), is local government corruption. Too few services, parks, meeting places, etc. for full-time residents.

The distance to anywhere.

the elevated land prices, rents and taxes . I'm not happy with Rappahannock becoming a place where only rich people can live.

The expense of housing (buying and renting) precludes young families from living here, which brings about a rapidly aging population.

The fact The Inn at Little Washington is controlling and seems to be taking over our lovely town. Elderly retirees are making Rappahannock mainly for the elders. Our young people can't afford to live where they grew up.

The good ole boy network & government (local) very closed & very difficult to change. Obvious favoritism.

THE GOVERNMENT

The government is unbelievably corrupt. Their predatory legal and policing practices are despicable. Recreational opportunities are non-existent unless you like to walk. If I could leave i'd do it in a minute. The worst decision of my life was moving to Rappahannock County.

the government telling you what to always do w/your property-high taxes on real estate & personal property & that it all comes due in December instead of breaking it up to be able to pay twice a year or quarterly

The greed of some citizens. They want to make more and more money at the expense of our community.

The growing divide and suddenly litigious (you know what I mean). Perhaps it reflects society now--and because we are so small it seems more personal. I fear it will be difficult to address serious issues if people's motives are always regarded with suspicion.

Affordable groceries available in the county.

The growth of people

the high cost of living in the county

The high traffic on Rt. 211, especially weekends and they are mostly travelling through county to Page or other counties to enjoy mountains.

THE HUNTERS WHO BREAK THE LAW. THEY ARE NOISY, THEY TRESPASS, AND THEY BULLY. WE NEED MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

the ignorance/stupidity of some of the people, especially my neighbors, who insist upon firing their fire arms (guns) in their backyards and thereby disturbing the peace & endangering all of us! More specifically the gun laws!

the inability to provide a good living space for our children upon graduation from college as young adults. Our family farm is over 100 acres and county ordinances will not allow us to cut smaller than 25 acre parcels for our 5 children...therefore after college they have all been forced to purchase homes in surrounding counties making it difficult to help with the family farm! After owning our property for 35yrs we are looking at dividing land & selling out!

The inconveniences of not having stores nearby is offset by the desired privacy and distance between properties.

The influx of urban sophistication, money and the attendant values that go with them.

The Inn at Washington over the course of 35 years smothers my home town. The town is all about [name of official]. Our mayor is kind but has been found this year to be lying to us.

The Inn of little Washington need to stop expanding, and stay content and happy with the way it is.

We should try to get more land protected so that future generations can enjoy it.

The lack of broadband.

the lack of cable and high speed.

The lack of community commitment to a sustainable local community (food, energy, resources).

the lack of grocery stores and other businesses that benefit residents - the need to leave the county for basic shopping and services

The lack of growth to the tax base while taxes keep going up. If the county offered or provided more services, then I could understand the need for higher taxes.

The lack of high speed connection to the internet and the lack of cell phone service.

The lack of high speed internet through local companies.

The lack of social life - restaurants, sports bars, family activities, grocery stores, the convenience of things.

The lack of the sense of community.

The land use restrictions.

The law enforcement staff -- they need more training possibly.

The liberal weird people who live here. Very strange ideas. Artists are ok but it seems like they are taking over the county and expect that everyone should think like them - Very "Woodstock" if you know what I mean.

The noise - neighbors' dogs barking endlessly, fire alarm at Amissville fire dept. going off at all hours of the night

Lack of services - no trash pick-up, no dump with regular hours, no parks for children, no walking trails, sub-standard library

Taxing - over-taxed and under-served, the property taxes are exorbitantly high, house value assessments are inflated, vehicle property taxes are not-prorated i.e., you pay a full years tax on a vehicle you sold in January

We have to rely heavily on neighboring counties for services such as libraries, shopping, family centers, etc.

Speed traps on hills on Route 211; more taxes

The noise and light pollution given off by too many new houses and people around us, who were not here when we purchased our land.

The ongoing efforts of a few politicians and developers who want to make self proclaimed changes that are directly opposite from what is so unique and special about Rappahannock

the overuse and abuse of herbicides by the utility companies

The owner of the Inn forces his vision of a beautiful town onto the community, not caring what others intentions might prefer. It is dictatorial. It is a form of rape. It is victims.

The pathetically low investment in education. wealthy white people send their children to private schools and refuse needed investments in public education

The politics of our new citizens and their changes to the county

The proposed push for growth

The public school system.

The rejection of new people moving to the county, a perception by some residents that they do not want tourists, or new businesses, or new ideas, or any growth at all. We find that stifling to any growth at all in our town. There is an acceptance of vocally vilifying, in anger words and actions, any new growth or new businesses opening in our town. There is a very angry county resident(s) who do not like you if you do not agree with their vision of the world and how it should be.

The rich people coming from the city, building million dollar homes. Some keeping them couple years, then selling them for more, making profits off County beauty. Also allowing too much building on our beautiful mountains.

The roads , the ditches and pipes are full and they never fix ours- the road we live on is state maintained. Also internet and T.V service are slow because of area trees but that can't be fixed however the roads can and should be. Also VDOT is very rude i this county.

The school system.

The school system. The superintendent is way overpaid & too much administration as a whole. They keep taking things away--like the 7th grade to Williamsburg, -but yet the Super gets a \$20,000 pay raise. That is not Fair.

The schools - education. Class divisions, lack of access to culture and urban to lower income. Medical facilities.

The schools and services leave a lot to be desired. Schools need more resources or to spend more wisely. Same goes for other county services. Taxes seem high for what we get. Also there are no employment options.

The sense of entitlement some residents display. Living here is not a virtue.

Addendum: The zoning is both a strong plus and a strong minus. It is a plus in how it has prevented *word that cannot be read clearly* and forestalled development. It is nice in the way it prices the County well beyond the reach of "middle class" people for the most part and has exacerbated/driven the wealth inequality. THE SIREN THAT GOES OFF AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT. IT WAKE UP MY 18 MONTH OLD.

The small interest that want city convenience in a rural area

The Smokey & The Bandits cars/truck and the tourists they encourage to visit. They have nothing to do with the area beyond their celebrity owner.

The tax assessment program does not match that of private assessments.

The taxes.

The tendency to try to improve or modernize the County.

The tension (mostly covert) between those in the county who want change consistent with the comprehensive plan but aimed at regeneration of the aging population, our environment and social and economic opportunity and those who are fearful or resentful of what this means and its implications for them and their families.

The thought that people want to change it. there are no rentals for lower income people and that is atrocious

There are none currently.

There are not enough business in the county and too much farmland.

There are not enough services/conveniences for people who are aged or handicapped physically.

There does not seem to be a lot of diversity here and I wonder when/if there will ever be. I don't see things moving forward in that way. It would be nice to see more integration.

THERE IS LITTLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THE WORST THING IS THE LACK OF COHESION. I AM A BUSINESS OWNER AND THE INABILITY OF COUNTY LEADERS TO PULL TOGETHER TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE COUNTY IS DISTRESSING AND FRUSTRATING

There is no phone reception for AT&T and Verizon and no DSL.

There is no tower so we don't have cell phone service which, with elderly it certainly would be a must.

There is nothing here to help take up the tax base. We need a grocery store etc.

This is a two-edged sword. I like that it is remote and I am off the grid so to speak, except when I have an emergency or urgent need to be connected. I would like to be able to be tuned out but flip a switch to have access to cell coverage.

Thorton River isn't protected. Obsession with paving roads when not needed. \$\$ could be used elsewhere. Economy that works to all residents.

Time spent travelling to obtain products and services.

Too conservative, farmer dominated.

Total lack of progressive ideas.

Large landowner domination affects taxation policies - i.e. low land taxes due to land use; higher costs for structures and vehicles.

Too many guns.

Too few local (not franchises) shops, too few children, too few people living in Washington, no bike lanes.

Too many city folks moving out and making community groups and life more corporate, us vs. them-

City folks endanger people on horses with their speeding-

City folks refuse to accept that country life includes give and take.

TOO MANY DIRT (GRAVEL) ROADS, ROADS NEED MORE CENTER WHITE LINES. TAXES ARE TOO HIGH BECAUSE MOST TAXES ONLY COME FROM LAND OWNERS.

Too many potholes, not close to too many stores, etc.

Too much light at night. Too much gunfire during the day.

Too much nepotism in government. Legal system seems mostly unjust. More doctors needed. Glad tax commissioner retired.

Need more money for EMT services for best response time.

too rural

Too soft on drugs i.e.: pot.

Tourism more important than residences

Tourism.

The inn.

Realtors-in-common.

tourists and the Inn - rude, always in the way in town, blocking the post office,

Public schools administration - teachers are not treated w/ respect by administration or residents

Tourists, visitors, coming here for any reason other than outdoor recreation

Traffic on 522 in front of house. Quality of public schools. Summer heat and humidity.

Traffic on main roads. Noise, speeding

Trucks and motorcycles

Transportation for elderly/handicapped.

travel to town for meds when sick

Trying to make it more like the city.

Tug between open-minded active members of the community willing and able to contribute time and other resources, and others who are less willing to become involved to solve problems collectively, and work for an enlightened future.

Unaffordability. I attended Rappahannock County High School as a kid and 90% of all these folks I went to school with have left the area. They couldn't afford to stay here. Family farms have been sold and purchased by wealthy folks. So many of those people were local treasures. That's all lost now. The original people have been pushed out. All one sided economies. Why so expensive?

Un-maintained roads, lack of facilities, no internet, no cell service, poorly maintained landline phone service, anti-business, no opportunities.

Unpaved gravel roads.

Unpaved roads

Unwillingness of elected officials to hold subordinates accountable and the same officials unwillingness to depart from the "We have always done it this way" mindset

updates in the way the school system is run.

Community support of youth groups. Limited and expensive housing options. Limited healthcare options.

VDOT and road services.

VDOT workers.

Very few eating diners and the restaurants we do have are very expensive; grocery store(1) very expensive.

very little cell services

Very little return for amount of taxes we pay.

Very poor cell service.

Very satisfied with everything.

Very small middle class; little opportunity for young people; employment opportunities limited; cell phone service and internet not reliable.

viability of small businesses.

Virtually no shopping or "service" areas in or near the county. (besides "mom + Pop" and specialty stores.) One centrally located shielded area like this in the county would be helpful!

Want to keep chickens, VA says you need 2 acres. would like to have special permit to keep chickens.

Washington

Wasteful local government spending.

Watching nearby counties develop and with that the increase in traffic

Way it is run.

WE ARE GENERALLY VERY SATISFIED.

We could have much better cell & internet service without compromising the above attributes.

We could use more social activities for kids in the county. Particularly middle school - high school age.

We don't get to spend enough time there

We feel the balance of lack of services but availability to 4 towns with all facilities (services) works well since they are within 45 minutes drive (without traffic). It is important to look at Rappahannock Co. as part of a region that includes the adjoining counties within easy commute.

WE HAVE TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE COUNTY FOR GROCERY SHOPPING, DOCTORS, DENTISTS AND NECESSARY SUPPLIES/APPLIANCES/CLOTHING

We need 1 a bank, drug store, food store, safeway , IGA Giant or Kroger where we can get produce or prescriptions without driving so far. Gas station look at 7 11 at Clevenge busy all the time. Many go of of Amissville and Rappahannock.

We need at least one grocery store & sept store

We need a good senior program

cell tower

We need more businesses (retail + restaurants) so we are not giving our money to other counties. Cell service needs to be provided to the entire county. We need housing for the young + elderly.

We need more cell towers.

We need to allow for some "development", i.e., affordable housing, a small drugstore, etc.. Had the Dollar Store gone in, it would have saved lots of people lots of gas and time we spend to go elsewhere. Cell service: speaks for itself or not.

Weekend warriors. The city people who think it's cute to spend a day with the hicks.

Weekenders/seasonal residents. Leads to very few rentals, and unaffordable houses on the market, but still lots of vacant houses.

Vacant houses = no \$ going into local economy, except while they are here in the summer/weekends.

what people do to it

when you go to grocery store or doctor office, you have to drive 50 miles round trip.

wider availability of broadband access and 4G cellphone providers (and coverage)

Wi-Fi & cell service

worried about economic viability of small entrepreneurial business.

Would be great if recycle/refuse was closer to my home. Taxes seem a little high.

Would like more activities for children. We also need a bike path on our roads.

Would like more cell phone service throughout the county

would like more state maintained roads.

Would like to see more younger folk in the county

Would like to see more diversity in our population. We need to plan for more affordable housing and more reliable internet cell phone coverage

Would like to see more education for Preschool.

Would like to see Rappahannock attract small [put] business

Would like to see the continuation of paving on Keyser Run road and the elimination of the dangerous curve between Aylor's and Snead's property - More transparency in "county" decisions (a few making decisions for most)

zoning enforcement of sign pollution internet cell

Zoning- I think family property should be allowed to be divided into 1 acre parcels - not to exceed being split 4-5 times. This would allow tax income to the county and families to remain near each other. For example: Granddad owns 10 acres. Allow families to have 1 acre to build a house - split for 5 family members, leaving granddad 5 acres. Must be a clause that the family member must live there for 3 years before can be sold.

Zoning laws when it comes to dividing family land after a death occurs.

C13: Thinking about Rappahannock County as a whole, what is the single most important issue to you and your family today?

- Being able to care for Mom (83) and mother-in-law (75), need in home care, transportation to Dr Appts, etc.
- Deer population - 211 is horrible - marketing needs to be done to ask home owners to allow hunting on their property.
- internet cell access
- keeping rural beauty
- More small businesses
- friendlier Sheriffs Dept. -stand offish, not easy to approach- need community meetings for discussions of county activities, etc.
- "Don't have any issues"
- #1 Safety, knowing the safest way to stay out of any crime related issues, and support our local police, fire + rescue. Help senior citizens with home repairs.
- \$\$\$
- (1) Quality high speed internet connection for low/reasonable cost
- (2) Bike & hike trails cross-county
- (Freedom of course.) I'm not exactly sure. We would like to raise a family here soon. My wife and I would like better cell service and maybe a closer plan to shop & groceries. However, we do not want it to become like Gainesville!!!
- 1-How soon I can leave the county - 2. the availability of help for inside and outside our home, and 3. its cost.
- 2 issues
- 1. I volunteer for the Sperryville Rescue Squad and it's hard to get volunteers!
- 2. There are no general stores that are affordable. Have to go 1.2 hour to Culpeper or Front Royal. The expensive general store that Sperryville does have doesn't have much.
- A beautiful place to live

- A few making decisions for all. Cost of Rentals - housing + business
- Having to go out of county to purchase most everything.
- People from DC coming + buying up all of Rapp Co. for wknd homes.
- A place to live
- A safe place to live!
- A warm place to live, employment, a garden
- Ability to age in place.
- Ability to continue living here while aging
- Ability to remain in this county in future and availability and affordability or Real Estate.
- Ability to run a small family bus. from the home, Ability to make multiple land divisions for ALL CHILDREN in family. The increase in taxes to similar levels of other Counties that provide more services (sewer, water, trash pick up, street lights etc.)
- Access to health care and Food/Drug stores.
- Access to job opportunities.
- ACCESS TO SERVICES
- Adult mental health support
- affordability
- Affordability
- affordability
- affordability and non development. want to keep Rapp small and not building ----
- affordability of housing, not enough rentals at a affordable cost for people with school aged children
- Affordability of land, houses, etc.
- Affordability to stay a resident.
- Affordability.
- AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY CELL PHONE SERVICE AND INTERNET.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- affordable housing - taxes
- Affordable housing and Jobs

affordable housing for people with a medium income - to attract young families

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing. We, as native

Rappahannock citizens, searched for almost 3 years for an affordable home in which to raise our son. Please, make it easier to let young people raise the next generation.

Affordable place to live

Affording healthcare.

Again, internet availability. Our kids and business cannot compete with the rest of state, notion, world if no accessible Internet. Beyond that, I think the County is in damned fine shape. I have no desire/need for any other substantive changes. Seriously, if our tax money need to help find/seed in broadband or similar Internet availability effort, I'm all for it. 1 cent tax *respondent drew an up arrow* = \$150,000. I'd gladly pay a nickel and more in taxes if that 750k would bring us good Internet. And as I said earlier, our lower income families (who cannot afford *word that cannot be read clearly* or other services) are at a distinct disadvantage with their peers elsewhere. Just my 2, or 5 cents worth.

aging in place

Aging in place and preserving rural quality of county.

Aging in place.

agro-tourism

cell + internet quality

Answer: To further withdraw gov't from our lives.

Comment: This questionnaire seems to be biased towards inquiring what MORE our local gov't can do for us. Foothills Forum should request CSR to design a questionnaire inquiring of us how best to trim the services of our local gov't, how best to cut our taxes, how best to shift our focus away from Rapp'lk Govt and towards our civic society.

appreciation and Pars (unclear) of natural beauty

area to remain rural

As a senior citizen, in the future I'd like to see a senior living complex somewhere in the county so those who are no longer physically able to maintain old farms, large houses, widowed, or some mixed health issues, no extended family nearby, etc. could still relish the Rapp. lifestyle, but in a safe controlled environment with access to transportation to primary healthcare, shopping, & local activities. this is a beautiful place to retire! It would also need to be affordable. It could provide jobs for managers, maintenance, housekeeping, dietary services, cooks; perhaps nurse and nursing assistants, PT, entertainers, etc.

as weekenders, we love the county, it's natural beauty, and the commitment of most residents and government to retain that beauty.

ATTRACTING MORE TOURISTS FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND METRO D.C.

Availability of FIOS for internet and the use of cell phones, which at present time is not available to all in the county. Although I am retired, I work part-time in real estate and the above-mentioned issues are of real concern to me. In addition, I am not aware of availability of assisted living for the elderly, mentally ill or any kind of social services for same. At present this is not a personal issue for me or my family, however it is a concern for the community as a whole.

Availability of high speed internet service

AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL HELP WHEN NEEDED - MY MOTHER IS 90 -- FALLS AND NEEDS HELP GETTING UP. VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS ARE VITAL TO US.

availability of places for young people/professionals to live-buying is so expensive here but zoning is good

availability of services in county.

Availability of services. Particularly internet. Current speeds are low.

Available land with zoning for my family. And I know question reads single, but access to internet/cell phone coverage would be second.

Avoiding urbanization and Disney Land type development.

Balance between keeping the natural beauty of the County, while having the advantages of cell phone coverage, high speed internet, and availability of more consumer goods without having to drive 25 miles. Nothing big, but for things you may run out of like contact solution or diapers. It can be a nuisance, although you do learn to plan ahead much more than people that live in a town. None of these things are enough to make me want to live elsewhere at this point in my life.

BALANCE BETWEEN MAINTAINING ENVIRONMENT, REMAINING A DESIRABLE PLACE FOR RETIRED PEOPLE, AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ATTRACTIONS FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE. IN SHORT, A HIGH QUALITY SUSTAINABLE PLACE TO LIVE OVER THE LONG TERM.

Balance of development vs. no development

Balancing affordability & livability.

Balancing the unique rural qualities of the county with those services that are needed and will benefit the most i.e. cell phone service. I have limited cell phone service...my land line went out and the phone co did not want to fix it...low population? Same with internet.

Be able to get good cell phone service get stores so we can buy local instead of going to other counties.

Beauty + quiet of this place
beauty and serenity - friendly, trustworthiness of people and quality of life

Being able to afford living in the county as we get older.

Being able to afford living in the county.

Being able to afford to continue to live in the County. (Taxes, home purchase, acreage purchase)

Being able to afford to live in the County. Taxes are out of control.

Being able to age in place

Being able to continue to afford living in the county. I grew up in this county but could not afford to continue to live in the county without the gift of 2 acres to build a house from my in-laws. I think if you decrease it 1 acre vs. 2 acres additional family members would be able to live in the county which they grew up in. My daughter grew up in RappK. but as an adult could not afford to live here. I would love to be able to gift her 1 acre to build a house so her and her family could move back here. Family is more important to me instead of businesses and tourism to this county.

Being able to continue to get transport, to medical & hospital with ageing & staying in a home as long as possible.

Being able to keep and maintain my home.

Being able to pay our taxes.

BEING ABLE TO RAISE MY FAMILY HERE WITH GOOD SCHOOLS.

Being able to stay in rental home and no increase in rent.

BEING ABLE TO USE MY CELL PHONE. I PAY AT&T \$92.00 A MONTH AND CAN ONLY USE IT IN WARRENTON AND FURTHER.

Being able to work and keep my home.

Being in a small area with low crime. Feeling safer and knowing my grandchildren have a high quality education.

Being left alone.

Being overtaxed out of the county

better cell phone and internet coverage

better cell phone coverage in case of emergency.

Better schools

bringing more families (of diverse backgrounds) into Washington, Va.

broadband access

Budget and associated issues such as Land Use program, County employee salaries/benefits, and lack of diversified base.

Building Rapp County into a high density population center with retail/strip malls and all of the traffic, crime & government costs that come with it.

Building.

Cable internet availability.
Can I afford to stay here?
Can we afford to continue living here?
can't say
Cell and internet access.
Cell coverage.
Cell phone access, better roads
 loss of wilderness
Cell phone and internet access.
cell phone and internet coverage
CELL PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICE NEEDS
Cell phone and internet service.
Cell phone and internet service.
cell phone coverage
cell phone coverage & better internet service.
Cell phone coverage and getting it fixed!
Cell phone coverage and internet.
Cell phone coverage because landline phone
 lines are outdated and go out easily.
Cell phone coverage in Washington and
 Sperryville.
Cell phone coverage.
Cell phone coverage.
Cell phone coverage.
Cell phone coverage. Not internet. It is great!
 Piedmont Broadband.
Cell phone coverage.
 Competition for auto gas.
Cell phone coverage/better internet/TV service
cell phone service
cell phone service and having trash/recycle
 place open later than 5pm and on Sundays.
CELL PHONE SERVICE AND INTERNET
Cell phone service for Sperryville area, and
 more (any?) local government
 accountability.
Cell phone service.
Cell phone service.
Cell phone service.
Cell phone service.
cell phone services
Cell phone. I do not have reception at my
 house. We need a cell tower.

Cell phone/internet connection
 Lack of professional fire/rescue
 distance to ?/city/services/bus services
Cell service
Cell service
cell service
Cell service and expenses.
Cell service and internet availability (and
 affordability!)
Cell service.
Cell towers.
 Emergency response time.
CELLPHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS
CELLPHONE SERVICE/INTERNETACCESS
cellphones & internet
Change as little as possible.
Church.
Clean air and water.
clean air, uncluttered views, clean well water,
 privacy
Clean environment - water, air , forests
Clean up eye sore.
Climate change. Beaver Dam Creek flows
 through my farm. It's usually 3feet across 3-4
 inches [feet?] deep. Back in '80's and '90's
 once every 5-10 years it would be 8 feet
 deep, 50 feet across when a hurricane hit
 [N.? S.?] Carolina and came up east. This
 year, Beaver Dam Creek has been 8-10 feet
 deep and 50-70 feet across THREE TIMES. I
 have to repair culverts.
Close community
 No overcrowding
 Small classroom size for kids.
-Communication- If we lose our Landline we
 have no means of connection due to limited
 internet/and cell coverage.
 _more Law enforcement patrol for their
 safety and the communities.
communication limitations AND expense
COMMUNICATION SERVICES: LOW QUALITY ,
 HIGH COST
Communication with friends and neighbors.
Communication/cell phone/internet.
communications

communications

COMMUNICATIONS - CELL SERVICE AND
BETTER INTERNET SERVICE

Communications services - Telephone, cell,
internet

Communications--access to fast and affordable
internet. Access to phone service--cell
Phone land lines are old and useless. There
are ways to attract more tourist--bicycle
lanes would be great.

community togetherness/strength

Concern for availability of services for
sufficient help, resources and care as we age
or become incapacitated.

concern that we be able to live out the rest of
my life here

Connectivity!

conservation

Continue to reside here and afford the
increasing expenses of taxes & maintaining
residence.

Continued rural image of the County.

Continuing the lifestyle we have living out our
life with peace joy & happiness as we see fit
without being regulated & taxed to death

Continuing to keep the current rural living
conditions and standards

Continuous rising taxes. It seems that the
County penalizes residents for improving
their property by increasing their taxes. This
actually is a disincentive to improving
anything.

Control of the County is by a majority of ex
military, ex high level US government,
government contractors who expect the
same perks they had "in the County."
County officials cater to them, not to County
natives. There is 25% of population below
poverty level. Too many ordinances. Need
USDA "RURAL UTILITY SERVICES" in
Amissville. Bad water, scarce water, bad
septic. Need an availability of food,
drugstore, but "no development" is the word
of the elite.

Control the increasing real estate and personal
property taxes.

Controlling taxes and not allowing County to
turn into another Northern VA.

Conversation about affordable housing and
County zoning plan.

Cost of living

cost of living, taxes

Country living

Country setting - lack of congestion

County needs more healthcare services/
pharmacy

County needs to take over road maintenance
of subdivision roads in Chester Gap.

County schools

County should remain pretty much the same
as it is.

Create a sustainable economy. The harmony
of people in the County. People and
personalities.

Crime.

Crime/drugs - Peace & Quiet.

Dark skies

Decline in young families.

Dept. of Social Studies--

Dealing with personnel that isn't trained
properly and they don't follow through on
important paperwork.

NO FOSTER Homes in Rappahannock.

Developing ways to reduce the tension
mentioned in B4 and creating the change
described therein.

Development -- worried about farms breaking
up into small tracts -- preserve the open
vistas and pastoral setting.

Don't let Rappahannock morph into

Warrenton - Front Royal or Winchester

Don't make Washington a "fake town" like
Williamsburg.

Don't screw it up!

drugs

Drugs

Ease of maintaining our wonderful way of life:
privacy, beauty, reasonable costs, available
social life + entertainment

Education & School quality / Internet & cell
service

Education-- (Board of Supervisors not supportive of school budget).
education ,Internet, taxes
Education for grandchildren
Education.
Education.
Elder services
Cell coverage
Elementary education and summer camp opportunities. Keeping the community safe and rural.
elevated land prices, rents and taxes
employment opportunities
Employment Opportunities
Encroaching urbanization
Environment, social programs.
Environment/Conservation/maintaining clean air, water and rural environment that's safe and family friendly.
Environmental Concerns/pollution
Environmental stewardship.
Every time I pass Lombardy's, I can't understand why something hasn't been done. We live in a beautiful country and to let it stand in that condition does not make any sense. Either rebuild or tear it down. I have a neighbor that has already sent in her survey. She and her husband feel the same way. She was sorry she failed to put it on the survey. We have to pass the eyesore every time we go into Warrenton. I have neighbors on both sides that feel the same way
Everyone being noseey.
Everything being so expensive, and not being able to afford housing. We have lived here all our lives, and worried about are we going to be able to continue with the costs of the county.
Excessive taxation
Exhaust care of elderly
Expanding affordable housing to enable young families to live in the county while maintaining its natural beauty.

Expanding commerce - drugstore, grocery store, hardware - while maintaining rural aspect of area; no shopping centers; public parks, walking trails, etc.
Family Farm Preservation
Farm land preservation.
Farming.
Federal regulations hampering small agri business because most regulations are targeted at big agri business. One size doesn't fit all
Finding land that is affordable to build a house for our family.
Finding the right balance that
1) encourages more young families to move in or stay
2) preserve the natural beauty and ecology and night skies.
FINISH PAVING THE NORTH SECTION OF SOUTH POES ROAD
First of all, our family was born and raised in Rappahannock County and still reside here. I've seen many changes, some good, some not so good. There's not enough for the young people, school aged, to do. The cost living here is unfortunately not affordable for the young that was born here and want to stay. The lack of higher education and preparation for their future is limited. Jobs are also limited unless you are farming or accepted in the local tourism in town. Cost of living, taxes and opportunities are a real concern to me and of course the future of my grandchildren. Like I said, some good and some bad. I can accept change if it's for the better.
freedom and privacy
Friendly community.
Friends and neighbors. Love the location.
Gaining access to cell phone & internet services.
generating some new businesses which will contribute taxes and provide job opportunities in Rappahannock.
Getting affordable internet and cell phone coverage.

Getting an intelligent school superintendent to replace the amateur we currently employ!
 Getting cash income.
 Getting decent internet and cell phone coverage
 Getting people to realize that it's 2015, not 1915 or 1815, and that the County can't build a wall to keep out the 21st century. Change is coming. Deal with it.
 good friends and family
 Good government - nice area to live - friendly people - rural lifestyle yet close enough to needs
 GOOD PLACE
 Good school.
 No commercial development.
 Government
 Great Schools
 Growth (slowly)
 Growth but trying to retain rural atmosphere and beauty.
 Growth of traffic
 GUNS!! The firing of guns in Chester Gap, a densely populated area and the unresponsiveness of county supervisor for Wakefield district, in responding to the problem.
 Having a more balanced population between haves and have not.
 Having a place to live
 Having a quiet, peaceful place to live
 Having enough money to be able to stay (live) in Rappahannock County.
 Having enough money to live on and to be able to live in Rappahannock and afford taxes.
 HAVING HELP AS SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: HEALTH CARE, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ASSISTANCE WITH CHORES INSIDE HOME/OUTSIDE HOME
 Having it remain as it is as far as zoning goes
 HAVING IT STAY, PEACEFUL AND NOT OVER DEVELOPED.
 Having the county remain farm friendly
 health care
 Health insurance.

Health needs, ability to maintain home and property as we age
 Health seeks, ability to maintain home and property as we age -
 Health.
 Help aged stay home is less expensive heat & cold help weatherize houses cellphone power in E, no way to get help seanick[?] fine but do consider needing life saving service power for your aged _____ or mothers with little ones, maybe your grannie or your _____. Views of sky or mountains, less beautiful when help is absent
 High real estate taxes
 High real estate taxes, and reduced real estate taxes from low income and elderly (that own their home, have \$ in the bank) and that land use tax is spread across others tax bills who own just a house and the young adults with children
 High rent for people who would love to stay in the County. Houses for sale priced so high, local people cannot afford. Rent houses are not kept up to good living standards.
 high school offers few or none AP courses and only one modern language (Spanish) one. Very poor science facilities considering the money in this county. The lack of interest in proving education is shameful.
 High speed internet options.
 High speed internet.
 High tax in consideration of the few services provided by the county. Lack of secondary roads (good).
 High taxes
 High taxes
 High taxes
 High taxes - not paid fairly by everyone
 High taxes, "poor" rescue squads "equal in importance"
 High taxes, no businesses to help offset the cost, nothing for teens to do in this county. People are trying to make this a retirement community and that makes it hard for young families to live here.
 High taxes.
 Higher taxes in years to come

high-speed internet access
Home ownership affordability, I don't need 10 acres. One acre would be fine. And a supermarket or any food that could be delivered to my house.
Home owning opportunities/Income opportunities.
honestly we do not spend much time-low taxes
housing affordability, services for the elderly
Housing availability.
housing expenses.
Housing for low income families to rent.
Housing market. Values of properties in our range have declined. Not many properties have sold in last couple of years.
Housing options. As renters if something happened to the house we currently rent we could probably have to leave the county to find something else affordable.
Housing/jobs for people the age of our children
Housing; jobs
HOW IN THE "DARK AGES" THEY MAKE DECISIONS. BASICALLY COUNTY IS RUN BY 6-10 KEY PLAYERS.
how nose people can be
How special interest groups have taken over my county & are driving families out of the county.
How to continue working and not feel like an outsider. How to prepare to age in place yet remain active.
How to encourage a rural sustainable community
I am concerned that the county will not be able to provide services I need as I age.
I can't afford to buy groceries at the stores in the county. It would be nice to have an affordable grocery store so we wouldn't have to run to town to buy everyday items.
I do nothing in Rapp Co. except pay taxes
I live a safe and serene life so long as the Lord allows me.
I think adapting to the changes that will and must come in the coming years.

I treasure the isolation but useful internet access would improve my comfort. So would cell phone access.
I want my children to have families here. The current land use issues may not allow that.

I want to help to keep its beauty and rural, and have people visit our County and enjoy.
I want to see lights at night. I do not like dark nights.
I want to sell my house & move into an affordable apartment closer to Washington VA--ability to sell house & affordable alternatives are most important to me.
I was badly injured, could not work. When I could not pay property taxes the county instructed the state to not allow me to register my track. I could not get to the doctor, the hospital on the ER. I had to move to California to afford medical treatment. Thank you, you bankrupted me! When I was sick "friends & neighbors" pillaged my property and stole everything not nailed down. The Sheriff and the State attorney showed me out of their offices. They don't prosecute their friends. The people who work in the county offices are very nice...
idiots vote
Improve connectivity! It's an issue of safety, convenience, and would allow us to telecommute more often, increasing the amount of time and money we spend in Rapp. county. Also, we are concerned that if connectivity isn't improved our (future) children will be at an educational disadvantage in an increasingly digital world.
Improve tourism.
Improved communications via Internet & cell phone service.
Improved internet and cell service.
Improved Internet Service
improvements without completely changing the beauty of Rappahannock.
improving back roads maintenance
Inadequate schools.
income for my 3 sons (age 30, 27, 24)

Incompetent board of supervisors. They should tell John Mccarthy what they want. Not the other way around. He is running this County into the ground for young people.

increased taxes

Increased taxes!

Increasing tax base through expansion of tourism & retail

increasing taxes, no services

Internet

Internet & cell coverage. I would not consider living full time in Rapp. county until I have good service for both.

internet + cell phone + cable TV

Internet access.

Internet access.

internet and lack of cell service

Internet and or cell service

Internet and taxes.

Internet Broadband

Internet service

Internet service - High speed internet is not available to all - I work at home and need this but the only thing available to me is satellite svc. which is not adequate for my work.

internet service (too slow, unreliable)

internet service, cell phone service, Park service

Internet service.

Internet service.

internet speed

Internet, travel time to shopping, safety, schools

Internet. Necessary for my job. Better internet, better work opportunities. Cell service. Too many spots without it.

Internet/cell access--needed for business, work, homework & general communication needs.

internet/cell coverage

Internet/cell coverage.

it does not affect me yet, but elder care is important to me, or I will move away to get it. keeping the rural nature is critical

It is my home and always will be.

It used to be like Mayberry, but through the years people have been moving in and then more crime & drugs and that is a big issue everywhere.

It would be nice to have apartments for older people or single people in the towns. There is almost no accessible housing or homes that people who would like to live near others with no yard work.

It's a wonderful place. Don't wreck it! Resist population growth and sprawl Avoid political entanglements that would allow "external influences" a seat at the table.

Its unique beauty and expanses of natural land, farms, families.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Job opportunity.

jobs

Jobs - Husband currently unemployed.

Jobs and housing for young people while maintaining open space and natural resources.

Jobs and living conditions for the younger people.

Jobs, place to live where rent isn't too high, more stores like the Dollar Store, supermarket, laundromat

keep crime rate low

Keep it as is: private, quiet, dark, same size population.

Keep it diverse--do not want it to become a rich retirement community.

Keep it rural and dark.

Keep our county Rural and no more business coming in and ruining our beautiful Land; views and rivers

KEEP RAPPAHANNOCK THE WAY IT IS!!!!

Keep Real Estate Taxes Low But Provided the Public School has What it needs.

We need a different source of revenue.

We need changes in the County Government.

Keep taxes from going up.

keep taxes low. Grocery store

Keep the area "rural"

Keep the country charm and not get too commercial but need more jobs and places to shop to keep taxes lower.
Keeping Rappahannock the way it is-- undeveloped--not too many people--quiet simple life. If people want to live in a town or city, they should move to a town or city. Don't bring the city here.
Keeping a quiet County.
Keeping air and water clean
Encouraging local farmers.
keeping current zoning controls
Keeping development at bay - keeping county rural
Keeping emergency services funded and funding services for the elderly or infirm
KEEPING EXACTLY LIKE IT IS. "IF IT ISN'T BROKE, DO NOT FIX IT"
Keeping families together and providing living space for our best future resource which is our children. No one cares for a home place like those that were raised there yet our zoning says "we do not want you back" after school. "We do not want you on you farm!"
Keeping family farms intact.
Keeping family farms intact.
Keeping it beautiful
keeping it just the way it is.
Keeping it like it is! Again every service is within easy drive to adjacent counties including medical, jobs, training, etc. It works for us it works for them.
keeping it rural and supporting farms
Keeping it rural, but yet having limited restaurants, churches. Services to elderly and young people. Maintaining its beauty.
KEEPING IT RURAL; CONTROLLING GROWTH
Keeping it small - no big business
Keeping it unique.
Keeping land use.
Keeping our ground & water contaminant free.
Eliminate the use/overuse of pesticides & toxic waste.

Keeping our privacy.
Crime rate down.
Keeping the county: clean and the forest green.
Keeping our rural beauty.
keeping our schools safe and our kids getting a good education
keeping our young working adults living & working in the county
Keeping oxygen producing entities alive and around me.
Keeping Rapp agricultural.
Keeping Rappahannock as it is!
Keeping Rappahannock County the beautiful, peaceful, safe county it is.
Keeping Rappahannock just as it is.
Keeping Rappahannock rural and keeping businesses and development out.
Keeping Rappahannock rural.
Keeping Rappahannock small but affordable.
Keeping Rappahannock undeveloped.
Keeping real estate + personal property taxes down
Keeping some of the newcomers from trying to make stupid rules that belong in a housing development not out here in the country
keeping taxes low
Keeping taxes low.
Keeping taxes low.
Keeping the beauty of the county
Keeping the countryside rural while improving internet and cell service.
Keeping the County "country" and open. No townhouse developments and limited "neighborhoods" and shopping centers
Keeping the county as it is
Keeping the county as it is but increasing tourism jobs, job training for seniors not going to college , and helping to keep "young people" in the county. don't want to be an "over 55" community. Also recreational community gathering place for teens
Keeping the County as it was when we first saw it in 1986.
Keeping the county as rural as it can be, moving into the future!

Keeping the county as rural as possible
 keeping the county from being over developed.

Keeping the county green, rural, access to SNP & hikes. Availability of goods and services for self sufficiency. Friendliness of neighbors, bankers, store keeps. In short Quality of Life.

Keeping the county less developed, maintaining the beauty of open land, night skies, while providing necessary modern infrastructure, specifically quality broadband internet and cell phone service.

Keeping the county rural
 keeping the county rural + saving the farms
 KEEPING THE COUNTY RURAL AND NOT ALLOWING SUBDIVISIONS, ETC

Keeping the county rural and uncommercial
 Keeping the County rural but allowing subdivision for over 5 acres instead of 25 acres.

Keeping the county rural! Protecting the wild life and farms.

Keeping the County rural.

Keeping the County safe and clean. Good schools.

KEEPING THE COUNTY THE SAME AS IT IS. NO GROWTH.

Keeping the County the uniquely rural, beautiful place it is. If we need all of the things it doesn't have, we will move rather than trying to change it.

Keeping the county undeveloped.

Keeping the high quality education there is.

Keeping the land and housing affordable for the elderly and their children who have lived there all their lives. Taking care of each other. Stopping the wealthy from coming in thinking they own everything and can change everything to satisfy themselves without any regard to the people who have lived here all their lives.

Keeping the quality of life, natural beauty (no strip malls) and community. Maintaining high quality fire & rescue services.

Keeping the quiet rural quality of life.

keeping the rural, open spaced, natural aspect while welcoming responsible change that strengthens the community. Acknowledging the elderly growth and gratification and planning ways to enhance the communication

Keeping the sense of quiet country lifestyle while making "some" of modern technology and business opportunities to the county. The next generation can not "afford" to stay in the county if there aren't any jobs or homes they can afford. "Some industry have to be allowed in!"

Keeping too much growth from destroying the natural beauty of this county!

Lack of affordable food options.

Lack of affordable housing for retirees and young people.

Lack of cell coverage.

lack of cell phone service

LACK OF CELL PHONE SERVICE AND BETTER INTERNET SERVICE

Lack of cell phone service.

Lack of cell phone service. People have said - They want to live here, buy property, but need cell service, so they buy elsewhere. Business must suffer communication problems + lose money /time

Lack of decent grocery store & drug store.

Lack of employment; Difficulty finding reliable help in upkeep of property

Lack of facilities.

Lack of funding for public schools

Lack of grocery store

Lack of internet

Lack of non-tourist businesses and opposition to new businesses and development

Lack of proactive leadership with interests of all constituents in mind, from underemployed to children

Lack of quality medical services.

Land preservation. Farming opportunities.

Land use! We hoped to be able to maintain family land.

Land use.

landscape, people, peacefulness, surprising lively arts community. The owner of the Inn forces his vision of a beautiful town onto the community, not caring what others intentions might prefer. It is dictatorial. It is a form of rape. It is victims.

Law enforcement.

Law enforcement. Need more officers and more for the taxes that we pay. Some people can't afford to live in the County because taxes are too high.

Leave it alone

Less government restriction on zoning and commercial business.

LET THE OPEN SPACES STAY. NO BIG BOX STORES, MALL, ETC.

Let's stay rural!

Life is good

Limited jobs and limited tax base for future expansion of services like parks and career fire/ EMS

Limiting taxes so we can afford to stay in Rappk.

Live out our adult lives in peace

Live to enjoy it!

Living in a way that is good for nature and wildlife, and putting all of that ahead of ourselves.

Living in a way that will preserve the environment and serene quality of life.

living in affordable housing

Living in an interesting (and interested), caring community. Caring about each other and the world around us!

Living in the 70s.

Living in the country.

Living in the county with no financial issues and having space. Making sure my kids have no problems at school.

Local Government

local government is stagnate; is doing nothing to preserve the county lifestyle and move it ahead.

Long drive for basics like drugs and medical care

Look at the 7 Eleven at Clevenge Corner it is so busy it sells gas to all of Rappahannock county. Westen Fanga Co. Northern Culpeper County Gas prices will go back up.

Low Taxes

lower taxes

Lower taxes, safety.

lowering taxes so it is affordable to live in the county for single people

Lowering taxes.

Maintain current quality of life.

Maintain integrity.

Maintain its rural character

Maintain natural beauty, including maintain restrictions on development.

maintain our business

Maintain rural environment.

Maintain rural life but with good emergency services (fire, rescue).

Maintain rural qualities. Stop unfair taxes!

Maintain the peaceful, quiet place it is.

Maintain the serene beauty.

Maintaining a good quality environment with necessary services available.

Maintaining property values.

maintaining a good standard of living

Maintaining a low density of population & no traffic lights.

maintaining a rural county - preventing development

Maintaining countryside and keeping out realtor development.

maintaining current quality of life

Maintaining family farms, vineyards, and outdoor/natural resources

Maintaining family farms; youth employment maintaining good health, staying physically and mentally active

Maintaining its beauty, rural nature and ecology.

Maintaining it's natural beauty

maintaining its rural character

Maintaining its rural status and restricted development.

Maintaining its rural status while providing educational opportunities for residents.

Maintaining land use taxation, to ensure open spaces and natural beauty while improving schools and government services.

Maintaining local community feel

Maintaining open space/rural nature of County. Upgrading cell phone/internet access without compromising beauty of County.

Maintaining open spaces.

Maintaining our high quality of life.

Maintaining our independence as we age.

Maintaining our resident lifestyle.

Maintaining privacy and keeping Rappahannock as it is.

maintaining quality of life

maintaining quiet and dark skies

Maintaining Rappahannock's beauty

Maintaining rural aspect of the county

Maintaining rural beauty, water quality, and positive community environment

MAINTAINING RURAL CHARACTER

Maintaining rural character, wildlife, vistas and dark skies.

maintaining rural, maintaining internet.

Maintaining the beauty & open space while allowing for some change -- and that rising real estate prices make it difficult for all but the super wealthy to live here. We hope this does not become a place only for wealthy weekenders. WE need economic, racial and cultural diversity.

Maintaining the Beauty of the county and open space, Preventing urban sprawl

Maintaining the beauty of the County while incorporating modern technology for potential growth.

Maintaining the beauty that is Rappahannock

MAINTAINING THE BUCOLIC ENVIRONMENT;
THE PEACE AND BEAUTY OF
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

Maintaining the character of the county.

maintaining the county as an environmentally clean and beautiful place to live

Maintaining the County as it is for future generations to enjoy.

Maintaining the county's rural character.

Maintaining the County's rural landscape. maintaining the current population density, protecting view sheds, farms, wildlife - do not want growth! strengthen the existing community we have, and protect agricultural land and farming.

Maintaining the current zoning.

Avoiding over development.

Maintaining the integrity of the county by limiting growth.

Maintaining the natural beauty of Rapp. while providing an excellent education for County students.

Maintaining the physical beauty

Limiting any "franchise" commercial operations

Expanding Rappahannocks "artistic" profile.

maintaining the quality of life with the addition of a few additional services (retail businesses for everyday needs).

Maintaining the quiet + peace of the county, but better cell phone + internet access would be nice!

Maintaining the quiet friendly community I mentioned earlier.

Maintaining the relaxed pace of life here and the relatively low population density.

Maintaining the rural environment while allowing appropriate business to provide local jobs for young workers.

Maintaining the rural nature of the County into the future.

maintaining the rural nature that exists

Maintaining the rural quality (beauty and solitude) while improving access to technology.

Maintaining the rural quality of the County, and supporting the farms and parks that make this County so beautiful.

Maintaining the rural, quiet, natural, low-density atmosphere of the county.

Maintaining the status quo in Rappahannock Co.

Wrt 25+5 acre zoning. Improving schools.

MAINTAINING THE VALUE OF OUR PROPERTY.
I BELIEVE THE VALUE LIES IN ITS NATURAL
BEAUTY, OPEN SPACE, PROXIMITY TO
NATIONAL PARK. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE
DEVELOPMENT COMBINED IN CURRENT
TOWNSHIPS: WASHINGTON, SPERRYVILLE,
FLINT HILL

Maintaining views

maintaining volunteer fire and rescue

Maintenance of current life style - Natural
beauty

Maintenance of gravel roads in County.

Maintenance of our rural quality of life.

MAKE THE LAND USE PROCESS CLEARER AND
EASIER

making a living, managing debt.

Making enough to afford the quality of life I
want.

making housing I land so my children
/grandchildren can remain here if they want
Making it possible for young people to live and
work here.

MAKING SURE THE SCHOOLS ARE PREPARING
STUDENTS AND SETTING GOOD ROLE
MODELS FOR STUDENTS' FUTURE.

MANAGING GROWTH WHILE PRESERVING THE
CHARACTER OF THE COUNTY. THE TOWN OF
WASHINGTON, AND VILLAGES OF
AMISSVILLE, FLINT HILL AND SPERRYVILLE
EACH NEED TO HAVE A PLAN FOR
SUSTAINABILITY AND TO THRIVE.

Medicaid Care.

Medical care.

Medicare & Social Security

Moderate, but not over-regulation of
business/farms by the county government.

Modern communications - Internet Cell Phone

More activities for families. A community
center where we can meet other people our
age with young children.

More govt (local) interference regarding what
to do with my property, how, when, etc.,
because of increased restrictions +
regulations by local govt.

My children grew into college age while here
and like to come home.

My concern is some bunch of do-gooders
coming from the government and trying to
"save me".

My husband and I hope that we can afford to
live here after retirement.

My neighbors septic is failing and my family
has to deal with the stench on a daily basis
Natural beauty, rural nature

Near future: Need for County-wide cell and
internet service.

Longer term: Need to create aging-in-place,
"village to village" type schemes.

Need a drug store and a grocery store.

Need for a quiet/serene rural lifestyle.

Need for smaller parcels of land approved for
homes so young people can stay.

NEED MORE RESTAURANTS, CAR WASHES,
NEED BETTER CELL TOWERS, LOWER TAXES

Need to keep the county's character and avoid
developments that would spoil it - for me
maintaining dark skies is very important - we
need a lighting ordinance.

needs more grocery and drug stores.

New people moving here not familiar with
rural area. Rural heritage of county is going.
Becoming a waiting room for non-residents
for heaven or hell.

Nice affordable housing.

No cell phone access

No cell phone service

No cell phone service.

No cell tower.

No cell towers.

no change lower taxes

no comment

No dentist available

No foster Care homes

NO DEVELOPMENT

no development

No growth

NO HOME DEVELOPERS OR CHAIN RETAIL
STORES OF ANY KIND.

No nursing homes-travel to doctor's, hospitals-
need more caregivers to transport

No over building Rappahannock

No overcrowding.

No pesticides or any deadly chemicals! Less radioactive/radiation as much as possible.
 More deaf/ASL friendly. Interpreters are provided at lectures for deaf people.
 no pharmacy no grocery other than small stores for quick items - 25 miles to do weekly shopping, no jobs or housing for young people starting out as a family
 No tax base
 NO TELEPHONE COVERAGE IN SPERRYVILLE. I CAN'T BE AVAILABLE TO OR CONTACT MY CHILDREN WHILE I AM WORKING
 No young people. The County is made up of senior citizens.
 Noise (constant gunfire) and equal maintenance (VDOT litter collection, snow removal, grass cutting). Trash facilities.
 none
 none
 None
 None
 none
 None Great place to live
 Not being able to have my grandchildren live in this county because there is not affordable housing.
 Not crowded.
 not enough knowledge to know what to do or what's available to retirees
 NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES AT OUR SCHOOLS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND HAVING TO DRIVE 30 MINUTES TO TOWN TO GET TO PHARMACY.
 Not having good cell phone service
 Not having high speed internet. It is ridiculous to drive to Warrenton, or Settles to get a signal. I am a realtor + it is critical to my business.
 Not having townhouses or apartments in the area.
 not over crowded - peaceful rural atmosphere- feeling of safety
 Not really sure at the moment.
 Not to be taxed out of my home.

-Opportunities for living and working in the county for younger people - our adult children so when they can come back to live with us
 -Access to MD's who take Medicare
 Our ability to continue operating our business here and give our child a good education.
 Our assessed value versus our appraised value is grossly higher. As in the county's as our house value @ around 200,000.00 more than appraisal. We have contacted the county and was told that is how it goes.
 Our home raised here
 Our main concern is to maintain the rural atmosphere of the county.
 Our privacy!
 Our public schools.
 Our safety & being able to afford to continue to live here. I rent because property taxes are too high right now.
 Our way of life be preserved and limit tax increases.
 Overall absence of internet coverage - makes us a second class community
 Overall cost of living in county.
 Overpopulation is the greatest threat to our quality of life.
 Over-population. We live here to avoid all the traffic, crime and deteriorating culture spreading thru Northern Virginia. We want Rappahannock to stay quiet, peaceful, safe, and with a close-knit population of locals who are passionate about their small businesses, volunteer outreaches, etc.
 Paying our taxes
 Paying the bills.
 Paying the mortgage and taxes
 loss of business due to no cell service
 Peace
 Peace & Quiet.
 Peace & quiet/Beauty.
 Peace and privacy.
 Peace and Quiet and No Pharmacy in the County
 Peace and quiet.

personal & property security, non-interference from government agencies and neighbors.
Please continue to keep commercial chains out of Rappahannock County
Policing the non-law abiding
Poor cell service. Lack of solid dependable internet access.
Poor cellular coverage is an issue for farmers, hikers and tourists for safety reasons.
PREFER TO HAVE RAPPAHANNOCK STAY AS IT IS BUT REALIZE THAT MAYBE UNREALISTIC. IT IS AN ISLAND OF BEAUTY CLOSE TO THE MADNESS OF SPRAWL SPREADING FROM WASHINGTON.
Preparing for aging. We are 73.
Presentation of natural beauty.
Preservation of County as a rural entity.
Preservation of farming and open spaces.
Preservation of land.
Preservation of natural beauty
Preservation of natural environment as part of community
preservation of open spaces and mountaintops
Preservation of open spaces and wild lands.
Preservation of rural character and strict zoning regulations.
Preservation of rural life
Preservation of the land and communities.
Preservation of the land, but also allowing for growth & development of the local towns.
Preserve its natural beauty.
Preserve the beauty and agricultural focus of Rappahannock County!
preserve what farms/farmland/farmers we have left and Not make living in Rappahannock financially impossible for natives.
Preserving a rural way of life with sound environmental and conservation practices while also providing opportunity for economic security.
Preserving beauty by encouraging family farms and encouraging tourism.
preserving country life
Preserving country setting
Preserving farm land within the County.

Preserving its natural beauty and keeping property taxes reasonable.
Preserving its scenic beauty
preserving one of the last counties in the United States not ruined by urban sprawl, fast food restaurants, chain stores, cheap housing, mac mansions, traffic lights; while protecting wildlife and the environment!
Preserving our natural scenery and farmland, supporting our schools, increasing services to the ederly
Preserving our unique advantages/values while accepting *limited* changes.
Preserving rural character of County while improving internet and cell phone coverage. We'd spend more time in the County if it were easier to connect. We're both professionals with *word that cannot be read clearly* law practices in the DC area.
preserving the beauty of the county
cell phone coverage
the need for programs to increase opportunities for low-income residents

If I had to pick one issue I'd say it was to get county-wide cell phone service
Preserving the beauty of the county-
Controlling subdivisions & the degradation of the quality life like in Loudon in Fauquier
Preserving the beauty, the charm and the friendliness of the county.
Preserving the character of the County.
Preserving the cultural and environmental elements of the county.
Preserving the integrity of Rappahannock county.
Preserving the rural character of the county while augmenting ecotourism and agribusiness through enhanced technology, and ensuring the public safety (Fire & Rescue) is provided even if this means moving beyond volunteer services.
Preserving the special qualities of this rural county while attracting employers & reasons for young people to stay or return.
Prevent loss of land to development!
privacy

Privacy and natural beauty
 Privacy, nature
 Privacy.
 Privacy.
 Privacy.
 Promoting farm to consumer food sales with minimal regulations.
 Properly run county.
 Property Taxes (Real Estate Taxes)
 Property taxes.
 Property taxes. Internet and cell phone access.
 Protect the county from development and preserve its natural beauty.
 protecting the county from development/preserving its agricultural landscape
 PROTECTING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE COUNTY; CONTROL DEVELOPMENT
 protection of open space & conservation
 public school system
 Public transportation
 Pure water initiative.
 Stop using poisons in agriculture.
 Quality health care nearby (Culpepper or Warrenton is fine-- But UVA and Culpepper still are not up to quality standards)
 QUALITY OF LIFE
 Quality of life
 QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IS EXCELLENT
 Quality of life.
 quality of police force
 Quality of public education
 quality of public schools
 Quality of public schools.
 Quiet lovely place to live
 Quiet, privacy, dark skies to do astronomy (for our children)
 Quiet, space, away from DC
 Quiet.
 quietude
 Quite, clean environment, Better back roads.
 Raising a family here in Rapp and being able to afford living here.

Rappahannock county needs to find a balance between the rural peaceful nature of the country side and the modern world of massive development and technology.
 Rappahannock County Schools
 Rappahannock is beautiful but people that are paid to do a job such as the court, police and social services do not keep things that are supposed to stay confidential private. They gossip too much.
 Rappahannock Schools/Sports
 Real estate Taxes
 Personal Property Taxes
 Real estate values.
 Reasonable rent
 Concerns over personal property tax on car
 Reducing the amount of noise and gunfire.
 reducing wasteful spending of tax dollars because of insane bureaucratic policy
 reliable cell service
 reliable internet and cell service
 Reliable, consistent internet access, high speed & reliable cell phone service.
 Remaining small
 Resale value of property.
 Resale value of property.
 Rescue services--especially at night.
 Residents should shop and support local businesses.
 Resisting the plague of mindless development that has so degraded most of the East Coast.
 Response time of emergency vehicles and police.
 Restricting the building of large subdivisions and INTERNET.
 RETAIL BUSINESSES
 Retaining the essential character of the county so it can continue to serve as a sanctuary from our other, busier lives. Would not like to see it "developed" any further.
 Rising property taxes. No cell or decent affordable internet service.
 Rising Taxes
 Rising Taxes in the county with no improvement of services
 Road - main.

Road maintenance - keeping back roads open +
passable in summer and winter
Roads.
Roads.
Rural life and local people.
Rural lifestyle it offers but within reasonable
distance to amenities (i.e. shopping,
healthcare, business, jobs).
Rural living.
Safety
Safety
Safety and friendliness of the people
Safety and special needs services for students.
-Safety
-Cell service
Safety.
Scenic beauty. Steady rise in property values.
School
school system
School system.
schools
Schools & opportunities for middle school -
high school age children
Security for elderly
Security.
Senior living. Having availability of affordable
senior housing.
serenity
Services
SHELTER FROM FUTURE OVER DEVELOPMENT
Shopping.
Small business and work opportunities.
Small rural well managed county.
Small town with friends who care
solitude with no extraneous noise from
wineries and new-resident gun fire
Speed enforcement so that pedestrians can
proceed in safety.
Speeding on well marked speed limits, and
maintain roads and streets.
Stay rural
stay the same way

Staying in the county as we grow older, but
keeping the rural areas protected, providing
senior housing in a small town/village
concept.
Staying rural but having access to cell phone
coverage.
Staying rural community.
Stop increasing taxes
Stop the exploitation of the county by
businesses dependent on selling to non-
residents in which the county government
participates as a facilitator
Stopping development - maintaining rural
nature of county
Stores - so won't have to go out of County.
Supporting the schools and preparing the kids
to be in the real world.
surviving here.
Sustainability of the county
Taking care of each other by taking care of our
County (natural resources/way of life).
Taking care of this place
Tax
tax burden and affordable housing
Tax burden in face of fixed income SS may
block our ability to stay here (self employ is
minimal income) SS is 98% of income. Tax &
insurance huge % of total income.
tax rates,
rising cost of government
cost of education system
Taxes
Taxes - & continuing country living
(Maintaining 25 acre/home)
Taxes - too high & rising
Taxes and growth

Taxes and law enforcement; Problem with drugs.

Taxes and related services as previously mentioned.

TAXES ARE GOING TO BE SO HIGH FOR YOUNGER GENERATION THAT WILL INHERIT THEIR FAMILY FARMS THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO KEEP THE FARM AND LAND. IT'S TIME FOR THE BABY BOOMERS TO RETIRE AND LET THE NEXT GENERATION MAKE SOME NEEDED CHANGES IN ORDER FOR THE ORIGINAL RAPPAHANNOCK PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO STAY/LIVE IN COUNTY. TOO MANY OUTSIDERS BUYING INTO COUNTY AND THEN NOT ACUTALLY LIVING IN THE COUNTY.

Taxes are kept low; fire and rescue stays volunteer.

Taxes keep getting higher and higher. They want to tax me out.

taxes too high

Taxes too high for no services.

Taxes too high for the amount of business in County. Have to pay fire & rescue taxes and don't have paid fire depts. No cellphone services.

Taxes too high

Housing, jobs

Taxes too high

Too much development

Hunters killing bear & deer

Speeding on country roads by construction trucks

Taxes too high!

Taxes too high.

Taxes way too high!

Taxes

services offered in county

Taxes! My wife and I are on fixed incomes but taxes never stay fixed.

TAXES!!!!

Taxes, quality communication services, education and preserving the beauty of the County.

Taxes.

Taxes.

Taxes.

Taxes. Being able to afford staying here!

Technology C phone and Internet.

Technology improvements.

That all the younger people can get a good job education and good jobs in Rappahannock county. There are not enough businesses in the county, we need to grow in that area. There are to many farms and not enough businesses.

That development density is *word cannot be read clearly* to retain the "green space" large amounts - the nature because this is a rural County and having substantial room for flora and fauna is something one can't buy or replicate.

That I am able to live in my home without being priced out by rising land values.

that I can live here until I die

that is stays rural and beautiful and does not become commercial

That it continues to be a great place to raise a family.

That it doesn't get overpopulated or crowded.

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That it is not over developed.

That it not be overdeveloped and that it stay beautiful.

That it remains rural and is not built-up or opened to sprawl of any kind

That it stays mostly as it is.

That it stays rural and agricultural.

That Rappahannock stay the way it is. NO CHANGES!

That some new residents would push our County government to get bigger, more expensive, and more regulatory.

That the County maintains its rural and scenic character. An increasingly rare and valuable asset in today's world.

That the Lord Jesus Christ will be trusted and obeyed!

that this is a wholesome place to raise a family

That we maintain our quality of life here, that my kids would have a quality education not second rate w/ horrible staff

That we will be able to continue to afford to live on our home place for many more years and not be taxed out of our home with high taxes and that our County grow with the people that are still here as new people move in help for the one that have made the county what it is. Lifer as we call the people that don't know any other place who have been born here and lived here all their lives.

The ability to stay in our home.

the aging of Rappahannock county and the lack of senior living here.

The beauty of the countryside, the clean air, the dark skies, the availability of fresh food from local producers.

Oops - you wanted just one: The great pleasures of country living in a pristine environment free of shopping malls and their ilk.

The beauty peace and quiet

The changing land use from Agri to 50-acre sites with large homes. This is the tax base in Rapp. Co-- Large home construction. Resulting owners do not want the nuisance of animals or farms on their land. Also, there is or will be an issue with 20% of County in Easements--will increase the age factor in County.

The changing nature of the population from conservative to unthinking liberalism

The continued increase in taxes for those of us on a fixed income/retired. I don't feel county administrator(s) listen to our concerns.

The cost and quality of services, primarily cell phone and internet.

The cost of living here!

The cost of living, I am on disability and some months it gets a little tight to make ends meet

The county is a rare place in the US today, especially near a large city. We believe preserving its rural character to be most important. This means favorable zoning for agriculture, encouraging agriculture business and uses, including serving the DC market[market] and rural tourism (biking, farm & art tours, nature events, limited winery activities, retreat centers, restaurants, camps, hiking and other outdoor activities). Few places in the region have the county's attributes, so close to urban customers.

The county is being controlled by a County Official. He decides what businesses can open - He abuses and insults people who don't agree with him. He shuts down all civil debate. How can he be quieted?

The County should improve the school system and maintain the 25 ac zoning to keep the rural landscape.

The declining volunteers for Fire & Rescue.

The fact that I have been a "pack rat" for years. Saving this or that because I might need it sometime. Sometimes is here and I don't need it. I had a yard sale with a friends and we couldn't sell it. Both of us need to move to a smaller place closer to or children. And everybody wants you to give them everything free.

The federal debt and how it will impact on local government and future generations

The inability for working folks to gain a foothold, with housing and/or employment.

The issue most important: incoming potential development to Washington VA and it's impact to small businesses through the loss of and increased cost of retail rental space. That to consider tourist dollars as a sole support system will cause local residents to go further out of county for needed services. The lack of growth and tight land restrictions is making Rappahannock a retirement community. Working class cannot afford to live there. We need some retail business to stimulate taxable income.

The lack of people on top of you.

The lack of road maintenance and the pure sorry-ness of VDOT, and the lack of willingness of our representatives to make VDOT take care of secondary roads.

The maintenance of back roads.

The nature and spirit of the County.

THE NEED TO PROMOTE TOURISM TO THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.

The population of children brought up in non-reading homes; children at a disadvantage from infancy.

The price of renting in Rappahannock county

The public school system, RCPS.

The safety of our kids/family and the compassion of the teachers in the schools.

The school administration. Please see my answer for B4. [School administration. The lack of transparency, the nepotism and the attitude of if we ignore it, it will not exist, does not work. They seem to aggressively attack simple issues and overreact, yet ignore big problems because it would reflect negatively on the administration.]

The single most important issue for me are taxes. I am retired and cannot afford tax increases and still pay my medical bills. I am still paying my mortgage.

The solitude, and friendliness of County residents.

the tax rate ! it continues to increase ! If you don't have property in land use, you will eventually lose your home

The tension between maintaining a way of life that values living close to nature & in a small, close-knit community Vs. being open to today's need for constructive change. This includes more care for the needy; the "non-elite"; children & young people; & others with less power in our county. This means being more welcoming & inclusive of the "other"-racial minorities, immigrants (often workers), "newcomers"--to be willing to include them in meaningful, respectful, & ongoing relationship & dialogue with them about their own perspectives, experiences, ideas, skills, experiences, & other contributions to our county's collective life.

There are no stoplights. Keep it that way!

Most want the County to remain rural!

There is no cell phone service.

There seem to be very few

organizations/volunteers for Elder Care. This is important to both of us because we are disabled and cannot drive a car.

Those of you who move here because you like our way of life, but can't wait to "improve?" it and, in fact, save us from ourselves. Do us a favor, go back to the place(s) where everything was so much better than Rappahannock, and you were so brilliant?!

Thoughtful economic development.

Ticks

to avoid turning Rappahannock into an enclave for wealthy "come heres" at the expense of the "born heres"

to be able to afford the taxes

To be able to live here for the rest of my life in my own home with services if needed. I would like to see taxes remain reasonable enough for me to afford it on a limited income

To be able to run my tourist-dependent business and give good directions on how to get back to the city.

To continue to live in dignity - in my home - enjoying dark skies and nature until I die.

To feel at peace here. To know that others in the future will do the same.

To get better internet and cell phone access to keep crime out

to keep it beautiful and unique-to make it more family/children friendly-feel Rappahannock has morphed from country/farm to a tourist locale and a respite for wealthy-many homes belonging to folks outside the county

To keep it the way it is as much as possible whilst improving facilities + resources as gently as possible. Rappahannock is after all, the center of the known universe.

To keep Rappahannock County a rural and beautiful community, as when my parents, grandparents and great grandparents lived here.

To keep the county peaceful and quiet and beautiful

To leave everything the way it is!! If it ain't broke leave it alone!!!

to maintain its beauty and not become overcrowded and over developed

TO ME; HEALTH NEEDS, TRANSPORTATION TO GROCERY STORE, DRUG STORE, HOSPITAL OR WHEREVER ONE NEEDS TO GO

To raise our family in a beautiful County away from mainstream hustle and bustle in a respectable, friendly community.

To remain the same as it is today

Too expensive to live in, without the some of the benefits of living in town

Too isolated.

Too many "busy bodies" :)

Too much growth threatening, & wackos with arsenals. "Target practice" should not be allowed within 1/4 mile of any others' houses!

Laws are outdated now, with these nut job 'assault' rifle video nuts in the fields.

Shooting for hours on end, many hundredsof round per day'?? Better start thinking about regs & zoning.

Tourism

Tourism and new businesses that would offer employment to residents. As a whole we feel that Rappahannock is not really business-friendly. There is no Chamber of Commerce. Businesses are left to fend for themselves & figure out how to bring more visitors o the county who help suggest it. Business owners work 50-80 hour weeks, and yet they are asked to work more hour hours on coming up with idea, events, volunteering for these events, meetings, and then hope for the best that their ideas are going to work. There needs to be a Commerce Dept. supported by the county if there is ever going to be proper growth in business & tourism.

Tourism business friendly; affordable tourist housing

tourism--we need our 2 local businesses to thrive in order to stay here. We spend tons of money marketing. We hardly ever have locals.

transportation service for elderly.

Transportation to and from doctors

Traveling to work. Stores.

TRESPASSING ON MY LAND

Trying to develop an economic model that will encourage more people to establish small to medium size business so that more middle class families will stay here. There is to big a gap between the haves (older, richer) and the have nots (younger, with little job opportunity, and poorer).

Trying to keep ahead of inflation!

Trying to keep our place if taxes don't get too high. Maybe retire here.

Trying to work to keep a home and pay bills and keep up the maintenance of a home. Live an honest life, help my neighbors and friends. Getting a raise on social security next year.

under age drinking

Unlimited high speed wired internet & County-wide cell service!!!

Use of technology.

VDOT use of pesticides & herbicides near rivers, creeks, and farms.

Viability of small farm business

viable economy for County residents.

vibrant and sustainable nature and economy.

Vibrant arts, cultural, & political scene.

Want it to stay rural community but would like it bring some technology to the county.

WATER QUALITY AND ACCESS TO FRESH WATER SO THAT I MAY BOTTLE IT AND TOTE IT.

ANIMAL CARE --- HAVING ANIMAL OWNERS BE RESPONSIBLE AND NOT TO HAVE DOGS TIED UP DAY AND NIGHT; INCESSANT BARKING.

We are aging and we are concerned about being able to travel into the neighboring counties for services once we are retired. the phone service is not reliable; if we had an emergency we call, use the landline at times. I believe there should be a class action lawsuit against Verizon.

We as a population are concerned about a pipeline proposed to be underground diagonally across the state. We have a fault line in VA.

We enjoy the beauty of the county and the relaxed pace of life - we hope it stays this way - someday members of our family may retire to this county and this house - it's been in the family 50 years.

WE LOVE IT HERE AND BEING AWAY FROM THE TOWNS THAT SURROUND US.
LOVE THE FARM LAND AND THE RESORTS OF HEALTHY LIVING
GOOD PEOPLE
SMALL TOWN

WE NEED A GROCERY STORE LIKE SAFEWAY, FOOD LION, OR SOMETHING IN THE AREA INSTEAD OF 15 MINUTES TO THE NEAREST STORE.

We need internet and cable here. Cell phone service is poor.

Keeping the view of the mountains.

We need more young people which means more affordable housing and available jobs.

We need some big stores and better conditions for serious [senior] citizens.

We need to open county up to more stores/employment opportunities so young adults can afford to live here by themselves

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GROW MARIJUANA FOR OUR FAMILY

WE WANT CELL TOWERS IN ORDER TO CALL FOR SAFETY, MEDICAL PURPOSES

When and how we will reach the tipping point at which we will become another Culpepper County. It will only take one demagogue to change the mindset of the County and the dawn will break.

When you get to retirement age you would have to move out of Rappahannock County because of affordability

Where do I move to next when I can no longer live alone? This county doesn't want the elderly, or those on fixed or limited income. There are no facilities for those wishing to move into an assisted-living situation.

Whether the local elected officials and other paid county officials are conducting themselves ethically and openly with the best interests of all Rappahannock citizens in mind.

Wide open spaces & night skies; keeping it feeling like you are really away from it all.

Will be able to stay here as we get older: availability of assistance on household projects, transportation, affordability of food, cultural events, etc.

Work - Local Availability

Shopping - Local Availability

Education

ZONING AND KEEPING DEVELOPERS OUT AND KEEPING DARK SKIES

Zoning laws being revised to help with dividing family land.